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Paterra asks again for cops

Charleroi council tells the mayor to find the money to finance an expanded police force

Speaking during the mayor's report at Thursday's regular monthly council meeting, Paterra

Councilman Ken Laird, chairman of the finance committee, told Paterra that council would like to add to the police force, but lacks

VALLEY PEOPLE

New law (FROM PAGE ONE)

saddles citizens with a cumbersome and costly appeal process when their requests are rejected and imposes comparatively weak penalties on officials who violate it.

The new law will establish a central state government office to set policies and deal with disputes about what should be released. Penalties will be stiffer for agencies that violate the law. And the law requires state agencies to respond faster to records requests.

The revisions will increase public access to 911 tapes and transcripts, mandate access to many of the General Assembly's records and expand the law to the "state-related" universities: Penn State, Pitt, Lincoln and Temple.

Groups representing media outlets and open-government advocates have expressed concerns about certain provisions of the new law — such as allowing agencies to withhold the names, ages and addresses of people 17 years old and younger. But they emphasized the positive Thursday.

"If we have the opportunity to present our case again on certain issues, we certainly will," said Corinna Vecsey Wilson of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association. "But we feel we have been given a very fair hearing in Harrisburg ... and for today, we really are just expressing our gratitude.'

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ACLU sues over alleged flaw in marriage law

By JOANN LOVIGLIO
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — The Pennsylvania chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union filed the first three lawsuits in a planned statewide effort to address what they contend is a flaw in the state marriage law.

Registers of wills in some counties have been telling couples who are married or about to be married that their unions aren't valid when performed by someone who does not have a regular congregation or house of worship.

The couples in the three ACLU lawsuits — filed in Bucks, Montgomery and Philadelphia county courts on Thursday — are seeking judicial declarations that their marriages are valid under state law.

Two of the couples were married by ministers ordained online; the third couple was married by a Jesuit priest who was clerking for a federal judge and wasn't assigned to a church.

"What we want is to fix a problem that never should have existed in the first place," ACLU attorney Mary Catherine Roper said. "The state has no business invalidating marriages just because it doesn't like the kind of minister who officiated them."

The issue arose after a September decision by a York County judge invalidating a 10-month marriage because the officiant — who was ordained online by the Universal Life Church — didn't qualify as a minister under state law because he had no regular congregation or church.

Since the judge's decision, registers of wills across Pennsylvania have been warning people applying for marriage licenses that their unions may be void if they are solemnized by "itinerant ministers."

The ACLU suits contend that such a classification would also include Jesuit professors, rabbis at college Hillels, and other ordained church authorities, as well as clergy who are retired or assigned to hospitals and military posts.

David Cleaver, solicitor for the statewide Association of Registers of Wills and Clerks of Orphans Court, was out of town and did not respond to an e-mail seeking comment on the suits.

"For a judge to retroactively decide ... that our marriage is no longer valid seems unfair and hurtful for both of us," said Ryan Hancock, who was married to his wife, Melanie, in 2005 by a friend who was a Universal Life Church minister.

In their suit filed in Montgomery County, the Hancocks said they chose their officiant because they come from different religious backgrounds and did not want to favor one faith over the other.

The plaintiffs in the Bucks County lawsuit, Jason and Jennifer O'Neill, said they were married in 2005 by Jason O'Neill's uncle, a Universal Life minister, for the same reason as the Hancocks.

Shootings (FROM PAGE ONE)

the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Lauren Carr said she was sitting in the third row when she saw the shooter walk through a door on the right-hand side of the stage, pointing a gun straight ahead.

"I personally Army-crawled halfway up the aisle," said Carr, a 20-year-old sophomore. "I said I could get up and run or I could die here."

She said a student in front of her was bleeding, "but he just kept running."

"I heard this girl scream, 'Run, he's reloading the gun!'"

More than a hundred students cried and hugged as they gathered outside the Phi Kappa Alpha house early today morning to remember Dan Parmenter, the 20-year-old sophomore from Elmhurst, who was one of those killed.

"I'm not angry," his stepfather, Robert Greer, told the *Chicago Tribune*. "I'm just sad, and I know that right now what I need to do is comfort my wife."

All classes were canceled Thursday night and the campus was closed on Friday. Students were urged to call their parents "as soon as possible" and were offered counseling at any residence hall, according to the school Web site.

The school was closed for one day during final exam week in December after campus police found threats, including racial slurs and references to shootings earlier in the year at Virginia Tech, scrawled on a bathroom wall in a dormitory.

Police determined after an investigation that there was no imminent threat and the campus was reopened.

Peters said he knew of no connection between that incident and Thursday's attack.

Paterra (FROM PAGE ONE)

listen," Laird said.

Councilman Jerry Jericho said he has reviewed the budget and found no additional funds to pay for more police. He suggested the mayor submit in writing his suggestions for financing additions to the police department.

Paterra said he would look at the budget and make recommendations,

"If you do that, we'd be glad to sit down and discuss those suggestions with you," said Laird.

Paterra said the borough laid off a police secretary, saving $30,000.

Council president Mark Alterici said most of that money was budgeted to cover delinquent taxes.

Alterici said the department utilizes more part-time police officers today than in 1975.

The council president added that the borough still has two officers per shift, as it did 33 years ago.

In other business, Council tabled 10 bids it opened for a storm water separation project spanning 200 feet of 10th Street, between Fallowfield and McKean avenues.

The bids will be reviewed by the engineer and solicitor.

The bids ranged between $79,000 and $150,000.

Bridge (FROM PAGE ONE))

crete," said Lignelli.

"It's in the works that they are going to do the entire bridge from top to bottom."

Also at Thursday's council meeting, Councilman Walter Sloan reminded property owners that sidewalks must be cleared of ice and snow within 24 hours of a snow storm.

Sloan said those who violate the local ordinance will be issued only one warning.

He said failure to comply will result in a citation, with the fine to be set by a magistrate.

In other matters, council:

- Hired Mark Shemansky and Scott Abbott, both of Belle Vernon, as part-time police patrolmen at $10 per hour and no benefits.
- Re-listed with Caldwell Banker for the sale of the former junior high school property located at the corner of First Street and Allen Avenue.
- Announced two vacancies on the Donora Planning Commission and requested letters of interest be sent to the borough office.
- Revealed applications are being accepted for part-time/seasonal laborers for the parks/streets department. Pay is minimum wage and no benefits.

Valley briefs

Woman found dead in Long Branch

A couple and their real estate agent looking at a Long Branch house Thursday were shocked to find a resident dead in the basement.

Southwest Regional Police Chief John Hartman said Beverly Dunker, 59, was pronounced dead in her home at 242 Dally Road about 4 p.m.

Hartman said a Lutheran minister and his wife made arrangements with their Northwood Realty Service agent to tour the brick ranch home yesterday afternoon. But when no one answered the door, the listing agent from Coldwell Banker came to the home and let them inside. That's when they found Dunker in the basement.

Hartman said there is no evidence of foul play.

Sale of GM plant reportedly delayed

The sale of General Motors Corp.'s metal stamping plant in West Mifflin will not be completed by March 1 as anticipated, a local union official said Thursday.

The plant will continue to operate as a GM facility in March, but the union has not been told how long that will continue, said Rick Vargesko, president of United Auto Workers union Local 544.

While an investment group led by retired GM executive Thomas Brady is continuing negotiations with the automaker, the union is not certain why the deal has not been completed, said Vargesko, whose union represents about 335 full-time workers.

When Brady met with workers at the plant in January, union officials said Brady anticipated taking control of the plant by March 1.

Brady could not be reached for comment and GM has declined to discuss the negotiations, other than to say that the union and GM are continuing talks with a "third party."

"On a long-term basis, it will not remain a GM facility. The facility will be sold or closed," GM spokesman Dan Flores said.

New filing fee set in Westmoreland

Property owners in Westmoreland County will have to dig just a little deeper when an additional fee is assessed for all real estate documents filed at the courthouse.

Beginning April 1, a $10 fee will be added to costs associated with the filing of deeds, mortgages and other documents to pay for a new indexing system that will consolidate all real estate records.

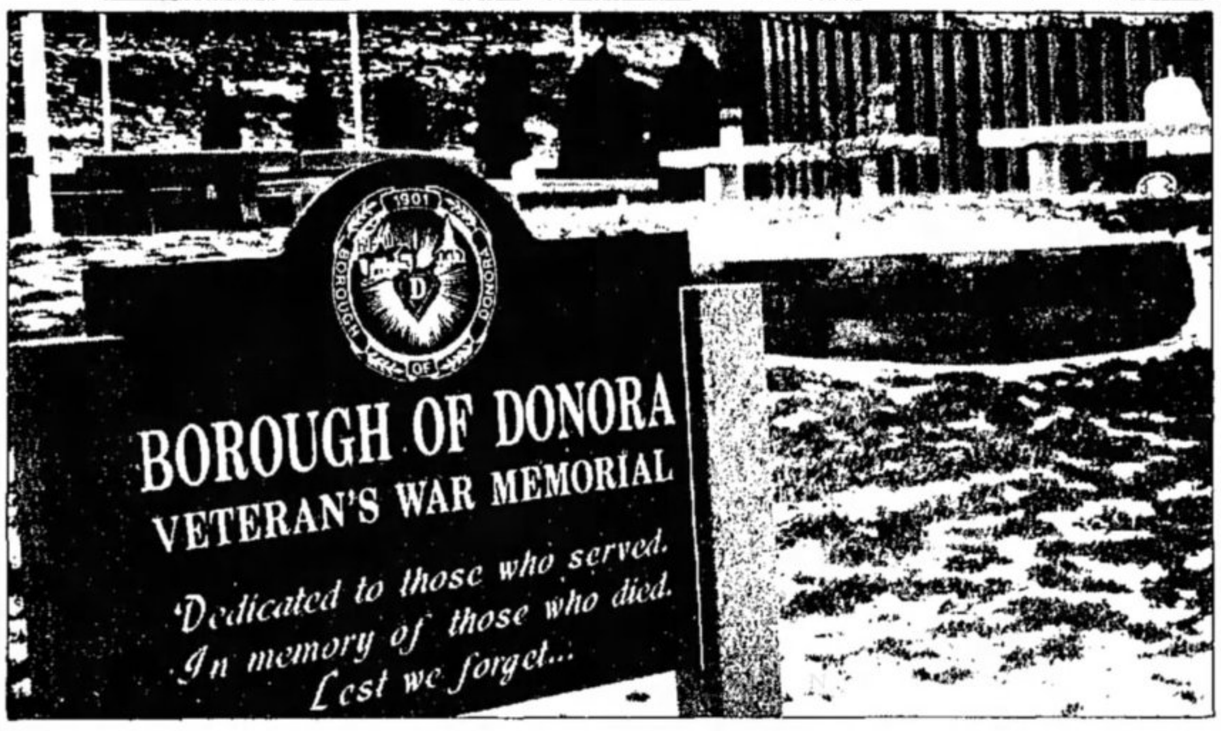
"This is going to affect anyone who files a new mortgage or deed," said Recorder of Deeds Tom Murphy.

The system, called the Unified Parcel Identification, creates a new filing number for every parcel of property in the county.

Currently each parcel carries numerous identification numbers that reflect tax records, deeds and emergency management identification.

Murphy said the new system will assign those parcels one identification number that will link to all other information available about a property.

"We talked about doing this four or five years ago, but this is the right time to start doing it," Murphy said.



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Organizers are hoping to raise enough money to pay off the Donora War Memorial.

Organizers seeking funds for Donora War Memorial

Benches and bricks available for purchase would help pay remaining bills.

By JEFF OLIVER
Staff Writer
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DONORA - The borough's War Memorial is more than just a place to remember those who have served their country in wars and conflicts overseas.

It's also a beautiful landmark for all to see as they enter the community.

And it's also a place where residents can sit and reflect as they remember those who have served or just want to relax in a peaceful atmosphere.

However, even though the memorial has been in existence for over four years, it still is not totally paid for.

And the Downtown Committee is looking for a few people, businesses or organizations to step up and help meet those final costs.

Chuck Muia, president of the Downtown Committee, said there are several marble benches that have yet to be paid for.

Muia said the benches - three round and four straight - can be purchased and dedicated.

"The benches are made of marble and can be purchased as a family memorial, in the name of a business or an organization," Muia. "They will last forever."

The Downtown Committee spearheaded the fundraising for the War Memorial and to date, some $400,000 has been invested in it.

"At first, people were buying the benches and bricks as a fundraiser and things were going well," Muia said.

"But lately, activity has stopped and we'd really like to get those last few benches paid for."

Anyone who would like to find out more details on how to purchase a bench and have a name put on it can do so by contacting the Downtown Committee at (724) 379-7900.

Another ex-Wecht employee testifies about double duty

Office personnel on public payroll routinely did work for ex-coroner's private business.

By JASON CATO
For The Valley Independent
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Cyril H. Wecht's private autopsy services were so coveted that one lawyer called with a request for prices before his client died, a former secretary to the noted pathologist testified Thursday.

Eileen Young, who worked for Wecht at what was then the Allegheny County Coroner's Office, said she fielded a call about a private case from a lawyer who later called back to say his client was alive.

In a memo to Wecht, Young noted the lawyer indicated he wanted eventually to hire Wecht.

"Do you know whether the client ever passed?" asked Assistant U.S. Attorney James Wilson.

"I have no idea," said Young, who was granted immunity in exchange for her testimony.

Wecht, 76, of Squirrel Hill, is accused of using his public office as coroner for private gain. Yesterday was the 10th day of the trial.

Echoing testimony from two other secretaries, Young said she worked on materials connected to Wecht's private cases and his son's bid for a seat on the Pennsylvania Superior Court while at work and using county equipment, including an office fax machine.

Wilson produced a county work order to install in Young's office a fax machine Wecht purchased for use with his private clients.

"My county work never suffered," Young testified. "I always made sure it was done in a timely fashion."

Still, Young said Wecht regularly asked her to draft letters to lawyers representing his private clients and distribute campaign fundraising letters for his son, county Common Pleas Judge David Wecht.

Young said she kept databases on her computer for such solicitations. "I had a doctors' database, a lawyers' database. It's pretty easy to punch a button and start printing letters."

Another former secretary, Mary Beth Blettner, said during questioning from defense attorney Jerry McDevitt that Wecht sometimes billed his private clients less than what he paid for travel expenses.

Prosecutors have used numerous travel invoices and credit card receipts to elicit testimony from witnesses that Wecht inflated airfare costs and billed $90 for fictitious limousine rides to and from Pittsburgh International Airport.

Blettner testified she never received a complaint from clients about the limo charges.

The trial will resume Tuesday. U.S. District Judge Arthur J. Schwab is not holding trial on Fridays and the courthouse will be closed Monday.

Suspect in Lazar murder due psychiatric evaluation

Court wants to know if Ohio man is competent to stand trial in retired trooper's death.

For The Valley Independent

The man accused of fatally shooting Rostraver Township resident Tomm Lazar and another man in Ohio last August will undergo a third court-ordered psychiatric evaluation to determine if he is competent to stand trial.

Calvin Neyland Jr., 43, is charged with two counts of aggravated murder in the Aug. 8 deaths of Lazar, 58, and Douglas Smith, 44, of Sylvania Township, Ohio, in the parking lot of the Liberty Transportation Co. in an isolated industrial complex between Toledo and Monroe, Mich.

Lazar, a retired Pennsylvania state trooper who was working for the trucking company as a security officer, had gone to the facility where Smith was a manager to assist in the firing of Neyland.

During a hearing Tuesday in Ohio, Wood County Common Pleas Court Judge Robert Pollex ordered that Neyland be evaluated a third time because the first two evaluations yielded conflicting results.

The third evaluation will be conducted at Wood County Jail, where Neyland is being held.

Assistant prosecuting attorney Gwen Howe-Gebers said a hearing is set for March 21, when the judge will hear from the psychologists that conducted the evaluations.

If convicted, Neyland could face the death penalty.

Lazar worked as a state police criminal investigator and public relations officer before retiring on Jan. 10, 1997.

He was known as the voice of Belle Vernon Area High School football for many years and served as president and coach for the Rostraver Midget Football League for more than 25 years.

He also previously served as the president of the Mon Valley Midget Football League, which started a scholarship in his memory.

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DEATH NOTICES

AMOROSO — Esther J. Amoroso, 76, of Webster (Rostraver Township), on Wednesday, Feb. 13. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

BILLY — Andrew Billy, formerly of Monessen, on Sunday, Jan. 20.*

BRANT — Dorothy G. Brant, 74, of Belle Vernon (Washington Township), on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

DOOMS — Dolores Dooms, of Uniontown, on Thursday, Feb. 7. Lantz Funeral Home, Uniontown.*

DYER — Glenn Dyer Jr., 55, of Bunola, on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Paul E. Bekavac Funeral Home, Elizabeth.*

KING — Sue King, of Donora, on Thursday, Feb. 14. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.

PULGINI — Mary I. Pulgini, of Donora, on Thursday, Feb. 14. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.

SMITH — Charles E. Smith, 94, of Oak Grove, Mo., formerly of Mon Valley area, on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Ed Melenyzer Funeral Homes Inc., Roscoe.*

SWIANTEK — Irene Swiantek, 92, of Perryopolis, on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
HOLLICK, Mary Jane*
THIRKIELD, Margaret*
*** See death notice**

Esther J. Amoroso
Rostraver Township

Esther J. Amoroso, 76, of Webster (Rostraver Township), died Wednesday, February 13, 2008, in Meadowcrest Nursing Center, Bethel Park. Born in Webster on April 5, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Domenick and Angeline Angela Amoroso. Esther was a member of the former Holy Cross Church in Webster, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Mary Evich, Florence Augustine and Theresa Amoroso; and six brothers, Anthony Mattee, John Amoroso, James Amoroso, Joseph Amoroso, Louis Amoroso and Paul Amoroso. She is survived by five nephews, Robert Evich, Terry Mattee, Tom Amoroso, John Augustine and Thomas Mattee; two nieces, Bernadette LaMendola and Jacinta Baldini; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Friends will be received Sunday, February 17, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com, where prayers will be recited on Monday, February 18, at 9:15 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Timothy Church, 722 Pier St., Smithton, with Father Thomas Trupkovich officiating. Interment will follow in West Newton Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Andrew Billy
Formerly of Monessen

Andrew Billy, 81, formerly of Monessen, died Sunday, January 20, 2008, in Sun City Hospice Center in Florida. Mr. Billy was preceded in death by his parents, Ignatius and Anna Billy; two sisters, and two nephews. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Mary Ann; one daughter, Amanda; one brother and four sisters, Joseph Billy and Mary Todaro, of Monessen, Ann Parker, of Erie, Martha Zollars, of Ocala, Fla., and Irene Bost, of Seffner, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held Saturday, February 2, 2008, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Brandon, Fla.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Dorothy G. Brant
Washington Township

Dorothy G. Brant, 74, of Belle Vernon (Washington Township), passed away Wednesday, February 13, 2008, after a short illness. She was born in Connellsville on December 12, 1933, to Joseph and Catherine Yenchick Gantner. She was the loving and devoted wife of Dalton L. Brant for 53 years, the loving mother of Dena Brant, of Middlebourne, W.Va., Donna and Roy Schmoutz, of Franklin, Pa., and the late Debra Huffman; and the proud grandmother of Christopher Schmoutz, of Shreveport, La., Seth Huffman, of Akron, Ohio, and Rachael Schmoutz, of Franklin, Pa. Mrs. Brant graduated from Marion High School in 1951 and was the secretary of the new Belmar High School from 1951 to 1953, bookkeeper for the United Way and a caseworker aide for the United Health Services. She was a member of the Fayette City United Methodist Church, where she was active as a youth leader, Sunday school teacher and Administrative Board Chairman. Mrs. Brant was a charter member of the Young Adult Sunday School Class, as well as various other positions. She also volunteered a considerable amount of time to the Girl Scouts as a troop leader and District chairman; the Mon-Vale Health Resources and the National Campers and Hiker Association (NCHA) as field directors, State chaplain and first president of the Yough-a-Mons camping club and member of the B-TRAP camping club. Mrs. Brant was the recipient of the National Humanitarian Award. She was actively involved with the Belle Vernon Assembly No. 137, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, as Mother Advisor, board president and member of the advisory board. Mrs. Brant was the proud recipient of the Grand Cross of Color. As a member of the Order of Eastern Star, she was a Past Matron of Monongahela Chapter No. 108, a past Grand Representative to Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, and a past District Deputy Grand matron. Her interests included camping, baking, sewing, reading, playing cards, gardening, traveling and spending time with her family and friends. She is also survived by brothers, Eugene Gantner, John (Enid) Gantner, Robert (Patricia) Gantner, and Thomas (Elizabeth) Gantner; sisters, Gloria Pansino, Alvera (Steven) Yoney, and Shirley Gantner; sisters-in-law, Ardith (Robert) Hamilton, and Joan Elgin; son-in-law, Robert Huffman; and many wonderful nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother and sister, Edward Gantner and Deloris Tucker Ritenour. Visitation will be held Saturday, February 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, February 17, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, family owned and operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724-929-6183). Services will be held Monday, February 18, in the funeral home at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Gene Stollings and Rev. Brice King of United Methodist Church of Fayette City co-officiating. Interment will take place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. The Monongahela Order of Eastern Star Chapter 108 will conduct services on Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. The family suggests memorial contributions be made in memory of Dorothy Brant to Fayette Home Care and Hospice or the American Cancer Society. Condolences accepted for the family at the funeral home Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Dolores Dooms
Uniontown

Dolores Gaddis Dooms, 70, of Uniontown, passed away Thursday, February 7, 2008, in her home. In addition to her grandparents and parents, James and Naomi Gaddis, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Catherine E. Gaddis and Judy Gaddis King; and husband, Harold Dooms. She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Dooms, of Miami, Fla.; George Palmer, of Uniontown, her significant other of 44 years; one brother, James Gaddis Jr., of Uniontown; one sister, Vivian Gaddis, of New Stanton; and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Friends will be received in the MURIEL E. LANTZ FUNERAL HOME, 297 East Main St., Uniontown (724-438-4030), on Friday, February 15, from 5 to 9 p.m., where services will be held Saturday, February 16, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Leonard F. Kirby officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Fairchance.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Glenn Dyer Jr.
Bunola

Glenn "Butch" Dyer Jr., 55, of Bunola, died Wednesday, February 13, 2008, in UPMC McKeesport. He was born August 27, 1952, in McKeesport, the son of Glenn Sr. and Becky King Dyer, who survive and reside in Bunola. He was vice president of Dyer Industries in Bunola and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, as well as exploring the open road. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife of 10 years, Linda Delmer Dyer; three daughters, Christine Merling, of Elizabeth, Stacey (Justin) Wilson, of North Huntingdon and Erin (Luke) McCay, of Sutersville; three sons, Michael (Bonnie) Dyer, of Monongahela, Kirk Merling Jr., of Elizabeth, and Douglas Dyer, of Forward Township; one grandson, Hunter McCay, of Sutersville; two sisters, nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Friday, February 15, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the PAUL E. BEKAVAC FUNERAL HOME, 221 Second St., Elizabeth. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Butch's life. Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 16, in the funeral home at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Wayne Cleary officiating, followed by burial in Round Hill Cemetery, Elizabeth Township. www.bekavacfuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary Jane Hollick
Philadelphia

Mary Jane Jeffries Hollick, 92, a resident of Stapeley in Germantown, Philadelphia, passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2008. Mrs. Hollick grew up in Roscoe along the banks of the Monongahela River, graduated from California State Teachers College and taught elementary art and science for 34 years in the Clairton public schools. Her passions were her family, friends and traveling the world. She was the wife of the late Frank Hollick; devoted mother of Frank A. (Bonnie Queen) Hollick; loving grandmother of Mark (Anne Fitzpatrick) Hollick and Adam (Mylene) Hollick, and step-granddaughter, Kaitlin Queen; and the loving great-grandmother of Sophia, Joshua and Catherine "Cassie" Hollick. In addition, she is survived by one sister, Bess; several sisters- and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and nephews. Funeral service details are pending. Memorial donations in Mrs. Hollick's name may be made to: Stapeley in Germantown, 6300 Greene St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19144.

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Charles E. Smith
Oak Grove, Mo.
Formerly of Mon Valley area

Charles E. Smith, 94, of Oak Grove, Mo., formerly of the Mon Valley area, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. He was born June 16, 1913, in Coal Valley, Pa., a son of the late Isaac and Bertha Ashton Smith. He was an evangelist with the Church of Jesus Christ, a former millwright with U.S. Steel, and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Ilene Smith; a brother and two sisters, Isaac D. Smith and Helen Smith, both of Arizona, and Grace Curry, of Clairton; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, George and Joseph Smith and Howard and Arnold Ackerman; and five sisters, Mary Ward, Ruth Carr, Lillian Walters, Ruth Ackerman and Dorothy Curry. Friends will be received Sunday, February 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the ED MELENYZER FUNERAL HOMES INC., Roscoe, and Monday, February 18, from 10 to 11 a.m., the time of funeral services in the Church of Jesus Christ, Roscoe. Entombment will be in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

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Irene Swiantek
Perryopolis

Irene Swiantek, 92, of Perryopolis, Pa., died Wednesday, February 13, 2008, in Mt. Macrina Manor, Uniontown. She was born April 21, 1915, in Washington Township, Fayette County, a daughter of the late Louis Klinsky and the late Elizabeth Fesco Klinsky. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Perryopolis. The family would like to thank the staffs at Mt. Macrina Manor, Albert Gallatin Hospice and Twin Oaks Home Care for the excellent care given to Irene during her illness. Surviving are two sons, Dennis P. (Glenda) Swiantek, of Wichita, Kan., and Raymond (Melissa) Swiantek, of Perryopolis; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond P. Swiantek; grandson, Pvt. Daniel C. Swiantek; and four sisters, Elizabeth, Sue, Helen and Jenitte; and one brother, Louis. Friends will be received in the ELEY-McCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., 334 Main St., Fayette City (724-326-5621), on Friday, February 15, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, February 16, until 9:30 a.m., when a blessing services will take place, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Perryopolis, with the Rev. Robert Lubic officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. www.eleymccroryfuneralhome.com

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Margaret Thirkield
Upper St. Clair

Margaret Gordon Thirkield, 92, of Friendship Village, Upper St. Clair, formerly of Mt. Lebanon and Fayette City, died Monday evening, Feb. 11, 2008. Beloved sister of Robert D. Thirkield and the late Kathleen A. Banner; loving aunt of Greg (Angela) Banner, Nancy Thirkield, Kathleen Banner, Margaret Thirkield (Jonathan) Brinkman, Jane Thirkield (David) Wong and John (Amy) Banner; loving great-aunt of Corey, Ryan and Christopher Brinkman, Cary and Greg Banner and John William, Nicholas and Michael Banner. Margaret graduated from Bucknell University in 1938 with a bachelor of science degree in commerce and finance and was a member of the Alphi Chi Omega sorority. Following graduation, she worked for a short time with the Burpee Seed Company in Philadelphia and then for the accounting firm of Main and Company, now KPMG in Pittsburgh where she served as office manager until her retirement in 1981. Following her retirement, she worked as a volunteer at Upper St. Clair Hospital for over 25 years accumulating 6,780 hours of service. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in ELEY-McCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., 334 Main St., Fayette City. Interment will be private. Arrangements by BEINHAUERS, 724-941-3211. Please add or view tributes at www.beinhauer.com. The family suggests contributions may be made to Bucknell University, Development and Alumni Relations, Management Department/Accounting Program, Finance, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

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POLICE LOG

Police looking for hit-run driver

BELLE VERNON – Southwest Regional Police reported that a teenage girl was struck by a car 7:25 a.m. Thursday at the intersection of Vernon Drive and Columbus Street.

The vehicle was white in color and may have been an Acura, police reported. It likely sustained damage to the driver's side front end and fender. The male driver had short blond hair.

Anyone with information on this hit-and-run accident is asked to call police at (724) 929-8484.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Stockdale anniversary record hop sold out

The 50th anniversary record hop Saturday evening at the Stockdale Fire Hall is a sellout.

No tickets will be sold at the door and only those with pre-paid reservations will be admitted.

Doors at the fire hall will open at 6 p.m.

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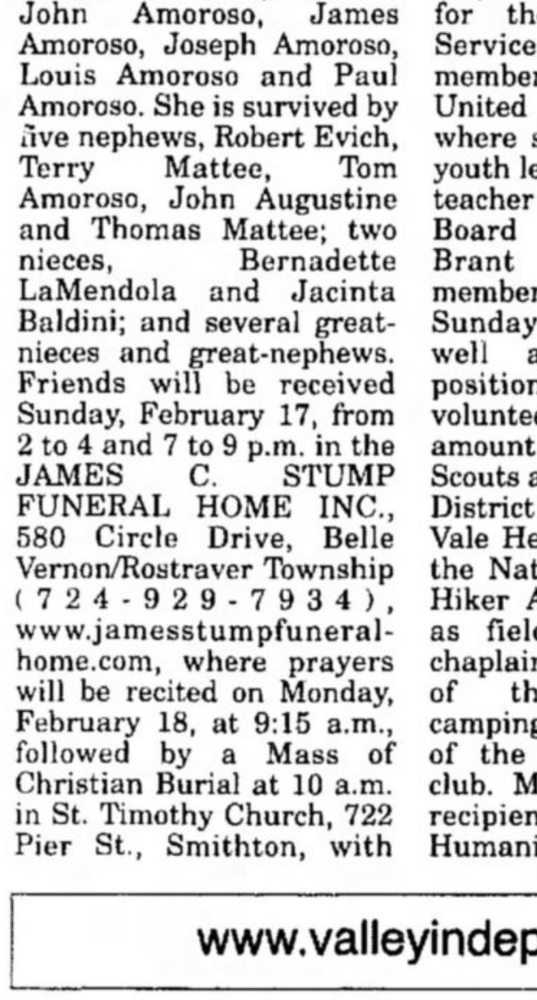
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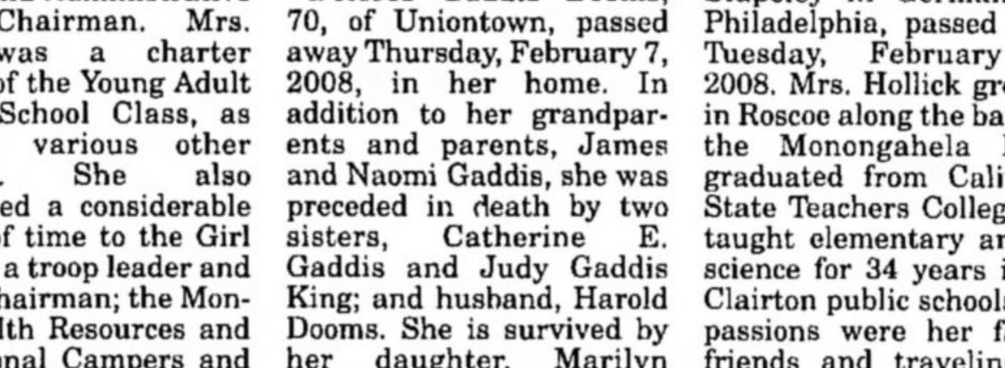
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TODAY IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 15

Today is Friday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2008. There are 320 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Feb. 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

On this date:

- In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.
- In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established by Pierre Laclede and Auguste Chouteau.
- In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.
- In 1879, President Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.
- In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later.
- In 1942, the British colony Singapore surrendered to the Japanese during World War II.
- In 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.
- In 1965, Canada's new maple-leaf flag was unfurled in ceremonies in Ottawa.
- In 1986, the Philippines National Assembly proclaimed Ferdinand E. Marcos president for another six years, following an election marked by allegations of fraud. (Marcos ended up being ousted from power.)
- In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of military intervention.
- **Ten years ago**: Monica Lewinsky's attorney, William Ginsburg, continued his harsh criticism of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr for alleged leaks of information to the news media, charging on CNN that his client's constitutional rights were being trampled.
- **Five years ago**: Millions of protesters around the world demonstrated against a possible U.S. attack on Iraq.
- **One year ago**: National Guardsmen in Humvees ferried food, fuel and baby supplies to hundreds of motorists stranded for nearly a day on a 50-mile stretch of Interstate 78 in eastern Pennsylvania because of a monster storm.
- **Today's Birthdays**: Actor Kevin McCarthy is 94. Actor Allan Arbus is 90. Country singer Hank Locklin is 90. Former Illinois Rep. John Anderson is 86. Comedian Harvey Korman is 81. Actress Claire Bloom is 77. Author Susan Brownmiller is 73. Songwriter Brian Holland is 67. Rock musician Mick Avory (The Kinks) is 64. Jazz musician Henry Threadgill is 64. Actress Jane Seymour is 57. Singer Melissa Manchester is 57. Actress Lynn Whitfield is 55. "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening is 54. Model Janice Dickinson is 53. Actor Christopher McDonald is 53. Reggae singer Ali Campbell is 49. Actor Joseph R. Gannascoli is 49. Musician Mikey Craig (Culture Club) is 48. Actor Michael Easton is 41. Actress Renee O'Connor is 37. Actress Sarah Wynter is 35. Rock singer Brandon Boyd (Incubus) is 32. Rock musician Ronnie Vannucci (The Killers) is 32. Actress Ashley Lyn Cafagna is 25.

Associated Press

House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio, center, accompanied by fellow House Republicans, speaks on Capitol Hill Thursday after they staged a walkout as Democrats considered a resolution that would hold some of President Bush's former aides in contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions before the House Judiciary Committee.

House votes to hold Bush confidants in contempt

Angry Republicans staged a walkout in reaction to the resolution.

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The House voted Thursday to hold two of President Bush's confidants in contempt for failing to cooperate with an inquiry into whether a purge of federal prosecutors was politically motivated.

Angry Republicans boycotted the vote and staged a walkout.

The vote was 223-32 to hold White House chief of staff Josh Bolten and former White House counsel Harriet Miers in contempt. The citations charge Miers with failing to testify and accuse her and Bolten of refusing Congress' demands for documents related to the 2006-2007 firings.

Republicans said Democrats should instead be working on extending a law — set to expire Saturday — allowing the government to eavesdrop on phone calls and e-mails in the United States in cases of suspected terrorist activity.

"We have space on the calendar today for a politically charged fishing expedition, but no space for a bill that would protect the American people from terrorists who want to kill us," said Minority Leader John A. Boehner, R-Ohio.

"Let's just get up and leave," he told his colleagues, before storming out of the House chamber with scores of Republicans in tow.

The vote, which Democrats had been threatening for months, was the latest wrinkle in a more than yearlong constitutional clash between Congress and the White House. The administration says the information being sought is off-limits under executive privilege, and argues that Bolten and Miers are immune from prosecution.

Democrats said they were acting to protect Congress' constitutional prerogatives.

"No one is immune from accountability and the rule of law, not Harriet Miers or Josh Bolten, and especially not President Bush or Vice President Cheney," said Rep. Robert Wexler, D-Fla.

The White House said the Justice Department would not ask the U.S. attorney to pursue the House contempt charges. However, the measure would allow the House to bring its own lawsuit on the matter.

It is the first time in 25 years that a full chamber of Congress has voted on a contempt of Congress citation, and the White House quickly pointed out that it was the first time that such action had been taken against top White House officials who had been instructed by the president to remain silent to preserve executive privilege.

Spy bill at center of high-stakes game of chicken

Temporary law expires at midnight Saturday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a deadline looming, President Bush and congressional Democrats are locked in a standoff over the government's authority to spy on foreign phone calls and e-mails that pass through the United States.

A temporary law that makes it easier to carry out that spying expires Saturday night at midnight, and Bush and his top intelligence officials say the consequences are dire. Al-Qaida, Bush says, is "thinking about hurting the American people again," and would be helped if U.S. eavesdropping is hampered.

The Democrats are equally adamant. Bush has all the authority he needs to intercept terrorist communications, even if the law expires, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday. The congressional majority is simply trying to balance concerns about civil liberties against the government's spy powers, and needs time to do it, she said.

So who's right?

A quirk in the temporary eavesdropping law adopted by Congress last August complicates the answer. The law allows the government to initiate wiretaps for up to one year against a wide range of targets. It also explicitly compels telecommunications companies to comply with the orders, and protects them from civil lawsuits that may be filed against them for doing so.

But while the wiretap orders can go on for a year from the time they started, the compliance orders and the liability protections go away when the law expires.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

U.S. to try to shoot down ailing satellite

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking a page from Hollywood science fiction, the Pentagon said Thursday it will try to shoot down a dying, bus-size U.S. spy satellite loaded with toxic fuel on a collision course with the Earth.

The military hopes to smash the satellite as soon as next week — just before it enters Earth's atmosphere — with a single missile fired from a Navy cruiser in the northern Pacific Ocean.

The dramatic maneuver may well trigger international concerns, and U.S. officials have begun notifying other countries of the plan — stressing that it does not signal the start of a new American anti-satellite weapons program.

Military and administration officials said the satellite is carrying fuel called hydrazine that could injure or even kill people who are near it when it hits the ground. That reason alone, they said, persuaded President Bush to order the shoot-down.

"That is the only thing that breaks it out, that is worthy of taking extraordinary measures," said Gen. James Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during a Pentagon briefing.

Violence, fear in Pakistan election

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The stakes are high but enthusiasm appears low as Pakistanis face one of the most crucial elections in their history.

The assassination of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, the absence of charismatic candidates and the fear of rigging have left many wondering if going to the polls is worth it.

"It all seems so futile," said Ghulam Jilani, 36, flipping through his newspaper on the side of a dusty road in the southwestern city of Quetta as taxis and trucks zipped by. "Why should I put my life at risk to cast a ballot?"

Campaigning has been remarkably subdued, with the Dec. 27 assassination of Bhutto leaving many in the South Asian nation of 160 million feeling gutted as they prepare to pick a new parliament

POLICE LOG

Rostraver

- Kristi D. Kelley, 28, and Alexander Gearhart, 28, both of 56 Main St., Daisytown, were each charged with retail theft after an incident 2:57 p.m. Feb. 7 at Wal-Mart. Police said Kelley was charged with stealing $22.81 and Gearhart was charged with stealing $20 in merchandise.
- Alfred A. Dattis, 86, of 387 Salem Church Road, Belle Vernon, was charged with hit and run, drivers required to be licensed and a stop sign violation after an incident at 4:06 p.m. Feb. 1 on Route 51 South, police said.
- Brittany D. Diamond, 18, of 404 Lookout Ave., Apt. 2, Charleroi, was charged with retail theft of $76 in merchandise from Wal-Mart at 6:47 p.m. Feb. 8, police said.

Monessen

- April Johnston, 19, of Monessen, was charged 10:27 a.m. Thursday with possession of drug paraphernalia. She was arraigned before Magistrate Charles Christner and placed in Westmoreland County Jail in lieu of $2,500 cash bond, police said.
- A 16-year-old boy was charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person and disorderly conduct at the Agape school at 2:12 p.m. Thursday. The teen allegedly beat another student who had to seek medical treatment, police said.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player hits 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $421,766.

Lottery officials said 190 players matched four numbers and won $176.50 each; 7,602 players matched three numbers and won $7 each; and 80,807 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

DAY PICK 3:	5-7-2
NIGHT PICK 3:	6-0-0
DAY PICK BIG 4:	8-6-7-4
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	7-4-0-9
TREASURE HUNT:	4-6-12-16-26
MIX & MATCH:	7-9-1-3-16
CASH 5:	5-7-9-22-35

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

DAY PICK 3:	1-5-2
NIGHT PICK 3:	6-1-8
DAY PICK 4:	4-8-1-7
NIGHT PICK 4:	5-7-2-1
ROLLING CASH 5:	10-11-29-30-35

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

DAILY 3:	9-5-0
DAILY 4:	2-9-2-6
CASH 25:	8-9-16-19-21-22

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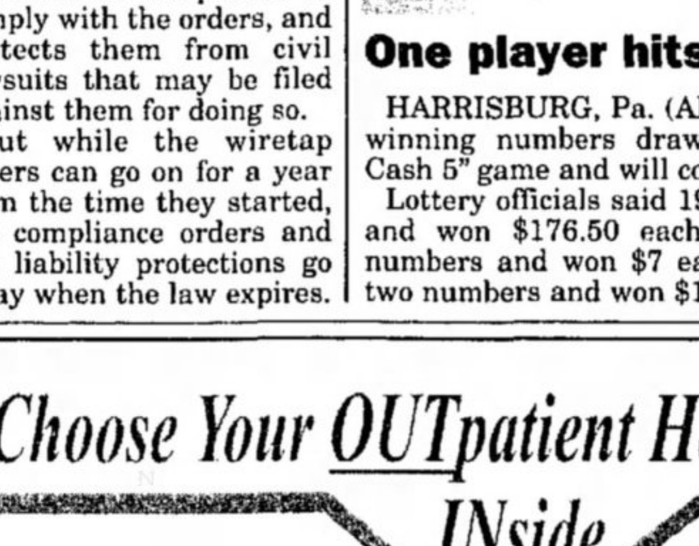

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OUR OPINION

Checks won't cure ailing economy

GIVING AWAY MONEY is never a bad idea for politicians in an election year, but the tax-rebate checks being mailed out this spring are unlikely to accomplish their goal of staving off a recession.

It is estimated that more than 130 million people will receive checks as part of a $168 billion economic stimulus package. And while we're sure the recipients will be happy to open those checks, they likely won't provide the "booster shot for our economy" that President Bush and Congressional leaders are expecting.

A recent survey by Associated Press-Ipsos found that only 19 percent are planning to rush out and spend their rebates. The most common response — at 45 percent — was "pay off bills," while 32 percent are planning to invest their cash.

These results aren't surprising. Credit card debt is reaching record levels, and large lenders reported a 26 percent rise in payment delinquencies last year.

So nearly half the country will be using their rebates to help dig out of a financial hole rather than stimulate the economy. It's the right decision for them, but bad news for those hoping to prevent a recession.

Even if most Americans give in to temptation and decide to use their checks for major purchases rather than investing or escaping debt, any economic benefit will only be temporary.

Rebates will range from $300 to $1,200, with an additional $300 per child being given to households with children. Those who spend that money will go through it quickly, and the same concerns that led to the current economic slowdown will still be in place.

Rather than go for a quick fix, we wish the president and Congress had embarked on a more thoughtful way to sure up the economy and ease long-term fears. A good start would have been to make permanent the tax cuts that were enacted in 2001 and 2003. All of those reductions are scheduled to expire by Jan. 1, 2001, and will not return unless authorized by Congress.

Americans will no doubt enjoy finding those rebate checks in their mailboxes. But they may not enjoy the economic reality that could linger long after the new-found money is gone.

ANOTHER VIEW

Austin (Texas) American-Statesman, on border fence planning:

When the border fence talks began, members of the U.S. House of Representatives emphasized oversight in the government's homeland security plans. Oversight on contracts greater than $20 million is great, but as the fence becomes a reality, it is foresight the feds are lacking.

After failing at other methods of border surveillance, the U.S. government is using a fast and heavy hand to build the border fence, cutting through Texas towns along the U.S.-Mexico border and leaving Texas university property and landmarks on the other side.

Michael Chertoff, secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, visited McAllen ... to survey the land that lies along the proposed path of the fence. ...

Barry Burgdorf, (University of Texas') vice chancellor and general counsel, says the U.S. government hasn't said what will happen to the land outside of the fence, but there will likely be some form of access points, which might or might not have gates.

Either way, this fence is going to have holes. How's that for foresight?

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Getting our wish on global warming

Charley **REESE**

The Earth is about one degree warmer than it was 100 years ago. That's really the extent of the sound data on global warming.

As for all the predictions about how much warmer it will get, how high the sea level will rise, etc. and so forth, those are merely speculation. Science, which cannot even forecast the weather with 100 percent certainty for 30 days in advance, certainly cannot do so years in advance. Computer projections are not sound data because there are too many variables to construct an accurate model.

Well, how about the consensus among scientists? Reality is not determined by a majority vote. Anyone familiar with history knows that the "scientific consensus" has often been dead wrong. The Earth, it turns out, is not flat; the sun does not revolve around the Earth; surgeons really should wash their hands and sterilize their instruments; and some diseases can be prevented by vaccinations.

Furthermore, since we know that the Earth has been warmer and cooler in the past long before humans were numerous enough to have any effect, we cannot even say for sure that the present rise in temperature is a result of man-made activity. It might seem so. There is certainly a "consensus" that it is so. Nevertheless, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere remains minuscule, about 380 parts per million. Actually, the largest factor in creating the greenhouse effect is water vapor.

You need to apply a lesson from the tort system. In order to sue and have any hope of collecting, somebody besides the client has to be at fault. Similarly, if you wish to change society and use global warming as an excuse, then human society has to be at fault.

Imagine the dilemma if the scientific community said to the powers that be, "The Earth is getting warmer, but it appears that man has nothing to do with it."

If man has nothing to do with it, then there is nothing man can do about it. That is an exceedingly noxious notion to the modern mind, which likes to imagine it can control the planet. And how could you justify getting grants if nothing you found out would have any effect on the outcome? How could you raise money from the true believers if what is happening is entirely natural and inevitable?

The money is in the present narrative — to wit, man is causing global warming by injecting carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and catastrophe faces us unless this trend is reversed by political action.

Provided we don't wreck the economy, I have no objection to people using this narrative to pressure industry to clean up its pollutants, to plant more trees, to seek ways to burn less fossil fuels. Those are all good objectives whether the earth is getting warmer or not. I don't advise anyone to stop breathing (we produce carbon dioxide with every breath, in case you've forgotten your grammar-school science). And now there are 6 billion of us.

I still believe the key to improving the environment is population control. As long as people are hungry, they will do what they must to fill that bottomless pit we call a stomach. They will overfish, overhunt, overchop, overpollute — whatever it takes to keep death off their doorstep. People in developed countries should resist the temptation to believe that the world's poor will be content to remain poor just for our convenience.

Like too many rats in too small a space, people will fight for survival, and the environment will be the last thing on their agenda.

As for global warming, we will just have to wait and see what happens. Nothing we can do in the short run is going to have any effect. And, if the sea level does rise, then perhaps some of us who always wanted waterfront property but couldn't afford it will get our wish.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

The McCain candidacy

William **RUSHER**

Let me begin by acknowledging that I was one of the many who thought that Mitt Romney, rather than John McCain, would be the Republican presidential nominee in 2008. Six months ago, the McCain candidacy was in very bad shape indeed. It was nearly out of money, and, according to the polls, McCain wasn't impressing the voters. The conservatives had failed to come up with a sure-fire winner from their own ranks, but Romney looked to be the best of the remaining alternatives. Handsome, polished, a formidable businessman and a former governor of Massachusetts, he was able to establish his conservative credentials on many issues, and was genially willing to modify them on others.

The other contenders for the nomination, aside from McCain, all had notable shortcomings. Rudy Giuliani had surprised me for many months by his stubborn survival as a viable candidate. But New York City mayors are not the stuff from which Republican presidential candidates are normally fashioned, and it continued to seem likely that Giuliani's appeal to conservative Republicans, which was based on his reputation as a fighter, would diminish when they began learning about his views on abortion, his record on illegal immigration, his multiple marriages, etc. And so it proved.

Mike Huckabee has undeniable charm, and did his best to demonstrate the conservative credentials that would be essential in a nominee. But his record as governor of Arkansas had been spotty in that regard, and he also suffered from his identification as a regional, rather than a national, figure. He remains technically in the race to this day, but the arithmetic of the contest has turned fatally against him; it is all but impossible to see how he can amass a winning margin.

That left Fred Thompson as the conservatives' last, and perhaps best, opportunity. He was indisputably conservative, personally attractive and had discharged his duties adequately during his term in the Senate. He and his advisers apparently calculated that the shortage of conservative contenders for the nomination would create a powerful thirst, which he could quench by announcing his own availability around Labor Day. But somehow the plan just didn't work. Perhaps Thompson's delay in getting into the race led voters to suppose he didn't take his own candidacy seriously enough. If so, they decided to agree.

And then McCain began to move. Or, more precisely, his figures began to move — upward. What accounted for this development? McCain didn't fundamentally alter the case he was making for his nomination. He insisted — rightly — that his record was in most respects a conservative one, and that the exceptions were testimony to his straightforwardness. The only really unique aspect of that record was that he had been an unwavering supporter of the Iraq War from the very start, and had even favored a "surge" before Bush ordered one.

That was by no means a disadvantage among Republican primary voters, especially as events in Iraq took a more favorable turn, and it fitted well with McCain's overall image as a military hero (and a decorated one, at that). It seems, therefore, that on a second look a great many Republicans began to find real substance in the record and personality of John McCain. There was just more "there" there. Romney and the others were no doubt fine men, but McCain stood out as a leader and a fighter.

So gradually the winds shifted; the McCain candidacy gained momentum, and now seems virtually certain to prevail and give him the nomination. His age (he would be 72 on taking office) may bother some people, but Ronald Reagan pretty well blew that concern out of the water.

He will be a formidable adversary for the Democrats. As I have warned before, 2008 has all the earmarks of being a Democratic year.

The Republicans have held most of the major offices of government for eight years, and lots of people will think it's simply the Democrats' "turn." But Hillary, instead of McCain? Obama, instead of McCain? It makes one wonder.

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SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Here's a rundown on activities scheduled at local senior centers for next week:

BROWNSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Monday – Center closed for Presidents' Day.

Tuesday – 10, ceramics; 10:30, skat and socializing; 1, bingo.

Wednesday – 10:30, games and socializing; 11:15, sit 'n fit exercise; 11:45, wild pill drawing and lucky five drawing, 1, bowling and bingo; blood pressure screening.

Thursday – 10:30, skat and socializing; 12:30, cards and bingo.

Friday – 11-6, fish fry.

CENTER IN THE WOODS

Monday – 7:30, walking; 9, massage, beauty shop; 10, watercolor guild; 10:30, weight wise; 11:15, German Club music program; 1, bridge/500, choir practice; 2, Zumba Gold.

Tuesday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop, Silver Sneakers; 10, matting 'n framing; 11, Health Steps in Motion (PEPPI); 1, bingo, bridge/500, dart ball, news and views.

Wednesday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop; 10:30, Bible study; 1, bridge/500; 1:30, hearing screening; 3, basket guild.

Thursday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop, Silver Sneakers; 11, blood pressures, PEPPI; 1, bridge/500, bingo, advanced strings jam.

Friday – 7:30, walking club; 9, massage, beauty shop; 1, dart ball, Bible study.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Monday – 9-2, taxes-appointments required; 10:30, bingo; 11, canasta; 12:45, euchre; 7, evening pinochle.

Tuesday – 10:30, bingo; 11, crafts; 12:45, card club; 2-7:30, massages by appointment; 7, evening euchre

Wednesday – 9-2, taxes-appointments required; 10:30, blood pressures, bingo, Bible study; 1, jam session.

Thursday – 8, beauty shop; 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 11, writing life stories; 11:30, Fayette City Goldenagers meeting; 7, Sweetheart Dance with Sound of Country Band.

Friday – 8, beauty shop; 10:30, bingo, line dancing.

RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)

Monday – Income tax preparations; 11, blood pressures; 11:30, daily bingo; 1, darts.

Tuesday – Income tax preparations; 11:30, daily bingo; 1, Travel Club.

Wednesday – 11, Silver Sneakers, PrimeTime Health; 11:30, daily bingo; 1, big bingo; 2-7, massages.

Thursday – 9, South Hills Village trip; 11:30, daily bingo; 1, darts.

Friday – Income tax preparations; 8, fried dough; 9-11:30, quilling class; 11:30, daily bingo; euchre club; 12:30, euchre club; 1, Silver Sneakers, AARP meeting.

DONORA SENIOR CENTER

Monday – 9, walking; 10, advanced line dancing; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 9, walking; 10, exercise class; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, card club, cards and pokeno.

Wednesday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 10, beginner's line dancing; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1:30, bingo; 2-7, massages by appointment.

Thursday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 10, fitness class; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, cards and pokeno; 1:30, Donora Senior Club.

Friday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

MONESSEN SENIOR CENTER

Monday – Closed for Presidents' Day.

Tuesday – Income tax returns by appointment-(724) 684-6105; 10, crochet class; 1, bingo; 1:45, sit 'n fit; card games, "65"/rummydominoes.

Wednesday – 10:30, Bible study with Jim, blood pressures; 12:30, bridge club; card games-"65"rummy/dominoes.

Thursday – Income tax returns by appointment-(724) 684-6105; 11, 500 card club; 11:45, sit 'n fit; card games-"65"/rummy/dominoes; 1:45, sit and fit; 3:45, Wheeling Downs trip.

Friday – card games-"65"/rummy/dominoes; dominoes (Mexican Train) morning and afternoon.

MONONGAHELA SENIOR CENTER

Monday – 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards.

Tuesday – 9, craft class; beauty shop by appointment; 10, blood pressures; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards, darts.

Wednesday – 10:45, dominos; 11:30, magic bingo, devotional; hairdresser by appointment; exercise group after lunch; 1, cards.

Thursday – 11:15, "What did you say?"-PrimeTime Health; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards; beauty shop by appointment; 7, evening social.

Friday – beauty shop by appointment; 9-1, Income tax preparation; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards; 1:30, line dancing with Frieda.

PERRYOPOLIS SENIOR CENTER

Monday – 8, walking; 9-2, Income tax preparation, poker club, card club; 10, PEPPI exercises; 1, cards and table games, pickin 'n grinning; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Tuesday – 8, walking; 10, pinochle, sing-along; 1, pickin' 'n grinning; jig saw puzzle assembling morning and after-noon.

Wednesday – Show and Tell Day; 8, walking; 9, big bingo; 9:30, bingo; 11:15, "What did you say?"-Prime-Time Health; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Thursday – 8, beauty shop, walking; 9, ceramics, blood pressures; 10, PEPPI exercise; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and after-noon.

Friday – 8, beauty shop, walking, 9:30, bingo; 10, craft of your choice jig-saw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon; 11:15, "Heart Disease"-PrimeTime Health.

SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Here's a look at lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for next week:

Center in the Woods, Center on the Hill, Charleroi, Donora, Monongahela and Perryopolis

Monday – chicken strips
Tuesday – cheese steak sandwich
Wednesday – baked ham
Thursday – turkey with Swiss on rye
Friday – cheese lasagna

Monessen and West Newton

Monday – centers closed for Presidents' Day
Tuesday – turkey with gravy
Wednesday – tuna salad
Thursday – split chicken leg and thigh
Friday – pizza

Home heating help is available

Winter has returned and with it is the high cost of heating your home.

Several programs are available to help consumers deal with these large bills.

One such program is the Pennsylvania Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program commonly known as LIHEAP.

The 2007-2008 LIHEAP program opened Nov. 5 and will tentatively close March 21.

In addition to obtaining a cash grant thru LIHEAP, a crisis grant up to $300 may also be available for qualifying individuals who have an emergency situation and are in jeopardy of losing their heat. Qualifying individuals must meet financial income limits to be eligible for LIHEAP.

For an individual, the amount is $15,315 gross annual income and $20,535 for a couple.

After you have applied, you will receive a written notice explaining your eligibility and the amount you can expect to receive. Generally this response takes about 30 to 60 days. In most cases the amount will be sent directly to the provider and a credit will appear on your bill.

To apply for LIHEAP an individual may contact their local Department of Welfare or contact their local utility for assistance. The Statewide Toll-Free Hotline for LIHEAP is 1-866-857-7095.

There are several other programs that may also benefit an individual or family having difficulty paying utility bills.

The best way to start seeking help is to contact your utility company.

'Rambler' missing today, will return next week

"The Diary of a First Street Rambler," which appears on the Seniors page each Friday, is not part of today's edition.

The popular feature, written by Ralph E. Stone, details the growing-up experiences of a group of Monessen youngsters in the 1940s.

It will return next week.

The Valley Independent apologizes for any inconvenience the interruption may cause.

TV LISTINGS

Marijuana has complex effect on teens' developing brains

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: You were right to tell "Just Saying No" (Jan. 16) that his pot-smoking classmates could be headed for addiction or other problems.

I worry that marijuana poses more risks to teens than they — or their parents — recognize.

More kids need professional help kicking marijuana than for all other drugs combined.

It is not a "harmless" drug.School failure, which you mentioned, could be only the first of many problems daily pot smokers may experience.

Researchers have a long way to go in understanding the complexity of brain function, but we know that illicit drug use changes the developing brain.

Many young people smoke pot before their brain development is settled, and their chronic use of the drug can affect certain centers in the brain that control emotion and reason.

Research shows that regular use of marijuana may also lead to mental health problems. Youth who use marijuana weekly have double the risk of depression later in life, and are three times more likely than non-users to have suicidal thoughts. — **MARC GALANTER, M.D., DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER**

DEAR DR. GALANTER: Thank you for lending your expertise on this subject. I am sure many teens and their parents will find your letter enlightening.

If they wish, younger readers can read and consider the latest scientific facts about marijuana and other drugs by logging onto www.abovetheinfluence.com. Parents can visit www.theantidrug.com for tips on talking to their adolescents and teens about drugs and how to get them help if that conversation begins "too late."

DEAR ABBY: Every time my husband and I attend a viewing, no matter who the deceased person is, my husband insists that I get in line in front of him. This means I'm the one who must approach the grieving family.

Some of the funerals we have been to are for people my husband knew well, but I knew only casually. It makes me uncomfortable to be the first to approach the family.

He insists that it's "proper etiquette" to have me in front of him. I would have no problem being first if it was for someone I was close to. I feel he should do the same. Is there a right way or a wrong way to line up? — **ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, MOURNER**

DEAR R.R.O.M.: There is no right or wrong way for mourners to line up for a viewing. Your husband may feel uncomfortable addressing the grieving family because he doesn't know what to say, and that's why he's defaulting to the old "ladies first" practice. (Please inform him that it should be ladies first only if the lady would LIKE to go first, not if she objects!)

However, because you appear to be stuck in the role of "point person" for your family, simply tell the family members you are "sorry for their loss." This applies whether you know them well or not, and it's all they really need to hear.

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior in high school and in a long-distance relationship with a magician's apprentice who is a year younger than me.

What should I expect from this relationship? — **LINDSAY IN SAN JOSE, CALIF.**

DEAR LINDSAY: Because, as part of their business, magicians often spend a lot of time on the road, expect a vanishing act. (Now you see him — now you don't.)

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

FRIDAY EVENING

MOVIES | TALK | NEWS | KIDS | SPORTS

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	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS 2 KDKA 7 WTRF 10 WTAJ	2 7 News (N)/ 10 WTAJ News at 6 (N)	7 10 CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	2 CBS Evening News-Couric/ 7 Entertainment/ 10 Inside	2 The Insider (N)/ 7 Inside Edition/ 10 Two and a Half Men	Ghost Whisperer "Weight of What Was" Melinda discovers an underworld lurking below Grandview.		Celine Dion: That's Just the Woman in Me The singer pe:forms; Josh Groban; will.i.am. (N)		NUMB3RS "Robin Hood" Don and Charlie must uncover the motivation of a humanitarian thief.		2 7 News (N)/ 10 WTAJ News at 11 (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Charles Barkley; Bill Burr. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Jeffrey Tambor. (N)		2 Extra/ 7 The Insider/ 10 Everybody Loves Raymond "The Nice Talk"	2 10 Paid/ 7 That '70s Show Eric lands a fast-food job.	2 Paid/ 7 H20 Vac V4C/ 10 AutomotiveVision.TV (N)
ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	4 News (N)/ 23 The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	4 Inside Edition/ 23 Jeopardy! (N)	4 Entertainment Tonight/ 23 Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Kung Fu Fighting" The chief has a gentlemen's evening with his fellow surgeons.		Desperate Housewives "Now I Know, Don't Be Scared" Carlos walks out on his relationship; Susan finds Mike's father.		20/20 Trafficking in cadavers; 12-year-old plane crash survivor. (N)		4 Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ 23 News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		4 Oprah Winfrey/ 23 Paid	23 Paid	4 Paid/ 23 Jerry Springer (N)	4 Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	6 Entertainment Tonight The set of "Yes Man." (N)/ 9 11 Jeopardy! (N)	6 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ 9 11 Wheel of Fortune (N)	1 vs. 100 A man from California returns to finish his game. (N)		Las Vegas "Three Weddings and A Funeral" Danny, Piper and Mitch, along with the surveillance room, are taken hostage. (N)				News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno Kristen Chenoweth; Russell Peters. (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien Daniella Sarahyba; Yeasayer. (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly Jarod Miller; Regina Spektor.	Poker After Dark Chris Ferguson; Johnny Chan; Berry Johnston; Jamie Gold; Phil Hellmuth; Huck Seed. (N)	
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	8 The Simpsons/ 53 Two and a Half Men	8 That '70s Show/ 53 Frasier	8 The Simpsons/ 53 Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld George has a proposal for Susan.	House "Failure to Communicate" On their own, the team must help a journalist who suddenly collapses.		House House and his team must treat a psychiatrist via webcam.		8 News (N)/ 53 Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	8 Seinfeld Elaine ruins a piano recital.	8 The King of Queens/ 53 Seinfeld	8 Frasier "Chess Pains"/ 53 Scrubs "My Intern's Eyes"	8 ★½ Air Bud 2 (1998)/ 53 Scrubs "My Last Day"	53 Paid	53 Paid	53 Paid	8 Breathe Better/ 53 Sex and the City	8 Incredible Digestion Techniques/ 53 Cheaters
13 WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OffQ	Washington Week (N)	NOW on PBS (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Slavery and the Making of America "Liberty in the Air"		Charlie Rose (N)			OffQ		Tavis Smiley (N)	Jim Crow Pennsylvania		Mystery! Foyle gets caught up in a secret spy organization.	
19 WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! Batista takes on MVP. Plus, will Edge propose to Vickie Guerrero? (N)				The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park School mascot.	Paid	Paid	Paid
22 WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	★★★ Hotel Rwanda (2004)				TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
40 WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		Another Perfect Stranger	Life Message			In Touch-Dr. Charles Stanley		CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts		TV One Life	The Zone	Extreme Life	Ultimate	Pure Passion
49 WBGN	Temptation (N)	Temptation	Degrassi: Next	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Canadian Rockies Sports		ReGenesis "The Cocktail"		Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files Murder baffles.		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Game Over"		CSI: Miami "Sex & Taxes"		CSI: Miami "Killer Date"		The Sopranos		CSI: Miami "Game Over"		CSI: Miami "Sex & Taxes"		CSI: Miami "Killer Date"	
ABCFAM	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	★★ Uptown Girls (2003)				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★★½ Memphis Belle (1990)				★★½ Heartbreak Ridge (1986)					Shootout (N)		★★★ The Howling (1981)				★★★ Magic (1978)		
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Natural World "Tiger Kill"		Lemur King.	Lemur King.	Chimp Eden	Orangutan Isle	Animal Cops Detroit		Lemur King.	Lemur King.	Chimp Eden	Orangutan Isle	Animal Cops Detroit		Natural World "Tiger Kill"	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Coupling	Coupling "Flushed"		Mitchell-Webb	BBC World News America		Coupling	Coupling "Flushed"		Mitchell-Webb	Coupling	Coupling "Flushed"		Mitchell-Webb
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Hell Date	★★★ Lackawanna Blues (2005) Premiere.				Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Late	
BRAVO	Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel		Project Runway		★★ Grease 2 (1982) Premiere.				★★ Grease 2 (1982)				★★★ Batman (1989)			
CMT	Gone Country		Gone Country	Gone Country	Gone Country	Home Videos	Redneck Wed	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Comedy Club	Comedy Club	Comedy Club	The Cable Guy	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money	Net Worth	The Suze Orman Show		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		The Suze Orman Show		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★★½ Bandits (2001)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Futurama	Futurama	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Mike Birbiglia: What I Should		Com.-Presents	South Park	Comedy Central Roast William Shatner.			Com.-Presents
CSPAN	House of Rep.	Tonight From Washington			Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered				Tonight From Washington		Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered				Capital News Today		Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Man vs. Wild "Everglades"		Survivorman		Fight Quest "Brazil" (N)		Fight Quest Korean hapkido.		Man vs. Wild "Everglades"		Survivorman		Fight Quest "Brazil"	
DISNEY	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	★★★ Holes (2003) Juvenile delinquents are forced to dig at detention camp.					Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	American Drgn	Buzz Lightyear	Timon-Pumbaa
E!	Wild Cop	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Fashion Police		Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	A. Winehouse	The Soup (N)	E! News	Chelsea Lately	The Daily 10	The Soup	Saturday Night Live		A. Winehouse	Chelsea Lately
ESPN	SportsCenter		NBA Basketball All-Star Celebrity Game.				College Basketball Pittsburgh at Marquette.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	Gamenight	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	College Basketball		American Gladiators		Boxing		60 Min.	60 Min.	American Gladiators		Bull Riding PRCA Xtreme Tour.		Boxing: 2007 Ayala vs. Mora		UWF Wrestling	UWF Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	NASCAR Now	Dale Jr. — Shifting Gears (N)			Arm Wrestling	Arm Wrestling	Boxing Friday Night Fights.				Boxing: Bowe vs. Holyfield		NASCAR Now	Strongest Man	World's Strongest Man		Boxing Friday Night Fights.	
EWTN	Divine Wisdom	Lebanon	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Worth Living	Holy Rosary	Defending Life	Reasons Hope	Rome Reports	The Holy Land	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Worth Living	Defending Life
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live "Turn Up the Heat"		Good Eats	Tasty Travels	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Paula's Party Deion Sanders.		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Paula's Party Deion Sanders.		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat		Pens Rewind	Sport Science		Best Damn Top 50 Special		SportsBeat	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Pens Rewind	Final Score	Final Score
FX	70s Show	★★ Daredevil (2003) A blind attorney fights crime at night.					★★ Elektra (2005)				Nip/Tuck "August Walden"		★★ Elektra (2005)				Paid	Select Comfort
GOLF	Post Game	LPGA Tour Golf SBS Open at Turtle Bay — Second Round. From Oahu, Hawaii.					PGA Tour Golf Northern Trust Open — Second Round.						Golf Central	Top 10	LPGA Tour Golf SBS Open at Turtle Bay — Second Round.			
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Family Feud	Family Feud	Tell the Truth	Tell the Truth	Lingo	Whammy	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		A Stranger's Heart (2007)				Murder, She Wrote "Deadpan"		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Extreme Home	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed-Sell	Save My Bath	My Kitchen	Find Style	House Hunters	House Hunters	Get It Sold	Parents House	Designed-Sell	Save My Bath	My Kitchen	Find Style	House Hunters	House Hunters
HIST	The Wrath of God		Modern Marvels "Milk"		Modern Marvels		Shockwave (N)		History of Sex: From		UFO Hunters "Abductions"		Modern Marvels		Shockwave		History of Sex: From	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	Good Naked	Good Naked	★★ She's Too Young (2004)				Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw "Hell in a Cell"		Lockup: Inside San Quentin		Predator Raw: Unseen Tapes		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw "Hell in a Cell"		Predator Raw: Unseen Tapes	
MTV	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		Real World-Road Rules		Real World-Road Rules		Real World-Road Rules		Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	Barnyard	Avatar-Last Air	Tigre: Rivera	Tak and Power	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
OXY	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Ad Fight (N)		★★ The Object of My Affection (1998)				★★ The Object of My Affection (1998)				Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Ad Fight		The Tyra Banks Show	
PCN	PCN Tours Wert Bookbinding.		PA Public Affairs										PCN Tours		PCN Profiles		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk: Get to the Point		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger - Fedko Fone		News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		Chuck		Stargate Atlantis "Trio"		Stargate Atlantis Mentor. (N)		Stargate SG-1 "New Order"		Stargate Atlantis Mentor.		Stargate SG-1 "The Cure"		Stargate Atlantis "Missing"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Train Wrecks!		World's Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly Conduct: Video		MXC	MXC	GameTrailers	GameTrailers	★★ Tommy Boy (1995)	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	★★ The Wedding Planner (2001)				Sex and-City	Sex and-City	★★★ In Good Company (2004)				★★½ Grumpy Old Men	
TCM	★★★★ Tootsie (1982)				★★★½ Little Big Man (1970) Premiere.					★★½ Save the Tiger (1973) Premiere.			★★★½ The Shootist (1976)				★★★★ Nashville (1975)	
TLC	Property Ladder		Home Chef	Home Chef	Say Yes to the Dress		What Not to Wear: Home		10 Years Younger (N)		What Not to Wear: Home		Say Yes to the Dress		10 Years Younger		Home Chef	Home Chef
TNT	Law & Order "Burn Baby Burn"		Law & Order		Law & Order "Invaders"		NBA Basketball T-Mobile Rookie Challenge & Youth Jam.				Inside the NBA	★★★ Drumline (2002) Rivalry between two drummers threatens a college band.					★ Saving Silverman (2001)	
TOON	Camp Lazlo	Foster's Home	Chowder	George-Jungle	Jimmy's Head	Foster's Home	Camp Lazlo	George-Jungle	Chowder	Jimmy's Head	Family Guy	Venture Bros.	Robot Chicken	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Venture Bros.
TRAVEL	Vegas Do's and Don'ts		Hawaii's Best on a Budget		Europe-Brown	Europe-Brown	Inside Area 51		Most Haunted "Sutton House"		Hawaii's Best on a Budget		Europe-Brown	Europe-Brown	Inside Area 51		Most Haunted "Sutton House"	
TRUTV	World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Wildest		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice		Suburban	Suburban	World's Wildest		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice	
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	★★½ Footloose (1984) Premiere.				Just Shoot Me	Just Shoot Me	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford & Son	The Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Monk		Law & Order: SVU		Monk (N)		Psych (Season Finale) (N)		House "Safe"		Monk		Psych		★★ In Hell (2003)	
VH1	Flavor of Love	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Scott Balo	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Best Week	Free Radio	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Best Week	Free Radio	The Flavor of Love		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Salt N Pepa	Best Week
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Brian **HERMAN**

Will hockey league return?

The last couple of days have been busier than usual for Brian Cersosimo.

He's the coach of the Mon Valley Thunder, the first franchise in the Class A Mid-Atlantic Hockey League's initial year who saw the season come to an abrupt end Wednesday seven weeks earlier than scheduled.

Cersosimo

Although all but Jamestown (N.Y.) - which averaged 1,300 a game - of the league's five teams were having attendance problems, Cerosimo didn't expect the plug to be pulled so early.

"We knew there was some talk but I never thought the season would just cut off with no playoffs," he said. "When I heard the news I spent Wednesday night and Thursday morning making arrangements for getting our players back to their homes."

Financial problems are believed to be the reason the league called it quits so soon in its maiden season.

The best example was the front-running Indiana Ice Miners.

Despite being 30-1 and riding a 26-game winning streak, the Ice Miners weren't drawing for their home games at S&T Bank Arena.

Ice Miner goalie Nick Niederf said none of their players got paid over the last six weeks.

"A lot of the teams were in the same boat," admitted Cersosimo when asked if the Thunder players were paid.

The team budgets were supposed to range between $300,000 and $550,000 with a salary cap of $5,000 per week for 16 players.

According to Cersosimo, the Thunder averaged 300 fans for their home games at the Ice Gardens in Rostraver Township.

"The league's first year is always an uphill battle and in a number of games we had to go head-to-head with the Pittsburgh Penguins on television," he said.

Cersosimo doesn' think his team's 11-17-3 record tells the whole story.

"We had our ups and downs, but our players were learning and were coming along," he said. "Unlike most of the teams, we had all rookies.

"This is a developmental league," he went on. "We sent two players - Joey Olson (Johnstown) and Gary Klapkowski (Dayton) - up to Class AA and both are making their mark. We also had seven players in the league's all-star game which is a huge testament for them."

Despite what happened this week, Cersosimo looks for the league to be back in 2009.

"As bad as it may sound, it will be easier to reorganize for next year," he said. "We're already starting to prepare for 2008-09. Our plan is to be back at the Ice Garden next year."

Monessen runs past Ford City

Joe Salvino says his team is in the mix for WPIAL title.

By JEFF OLIVER
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MPERIAL - There is a great deal of anticipation for a potential Beaver Falls-Jeannette showdown in the WPIAL Class AA championship game.

However, the Monessen Greyhounds look very much like a team hoping to ruin that party while possibly crashing it themselves.

Monessen coach Joe Salvino says his team gets little respect, but after last night's 92-55 thumping of Ford City in a first round playoff game at West Allegheny maybe some eyes will be opened.

The Greyhounds (19-5) proved their point early as they came out of the gate running and rolled up a 27-9 lead in the first quarter.

And from there, things only got worse for the Sabers (14-12).

"I was very pleased with how we started the game," said Salvino. "Our kids were looking forward to the playoffs. They were anxious to get out there and play and it showed.

"This is the time of the year to be excited about things."

Sophomore David Jeffries, making a rare start, helped the early onslaught as he scored nine of his 14 points in the first quarter. He scored all of his points during an 11-0 run that turned a 7-7 tie into an 18-7 lead.

Junior Delmar Pritchett, who just joined the starting lineup recently, added seven points in the first quarter. Pritchett led the Greyhounds with 25 points, 13 rebounds and five steals.

"Those two kids have worked real hard to get to where they are and I don't just mean basketball-wise," said Salvino. "I'm very happy for them and I hope they keep heading in the right direction because they both have so much talent."

Monessen led 41-21 at halftime before the Sabers made their only run of the night. The losers scored seven straight points to cut the gap to 43-30 with 5:31 left in the third quarter.

However, freshman Terrance Stepoli got the Greyhounds off and running again as he scored seven consecutive points.

By the time the latest carnage was done, Monessen outscored Ford City 27-6 and held a commanding 70-36 lead.

Pritchett (12) and Tim Tyree (9) combined to score 21 points in the fourth quarter as Monessen put the continuous clock into effect with an 82-41 lead with 3:25 left.

Joining Pritchett and Jeffries in double figures for the winners were Tyree and Stepoli with 22 and 15 points, respectively.

"We are playing very well right now and this is the time to play well," Salvino said. "There is so

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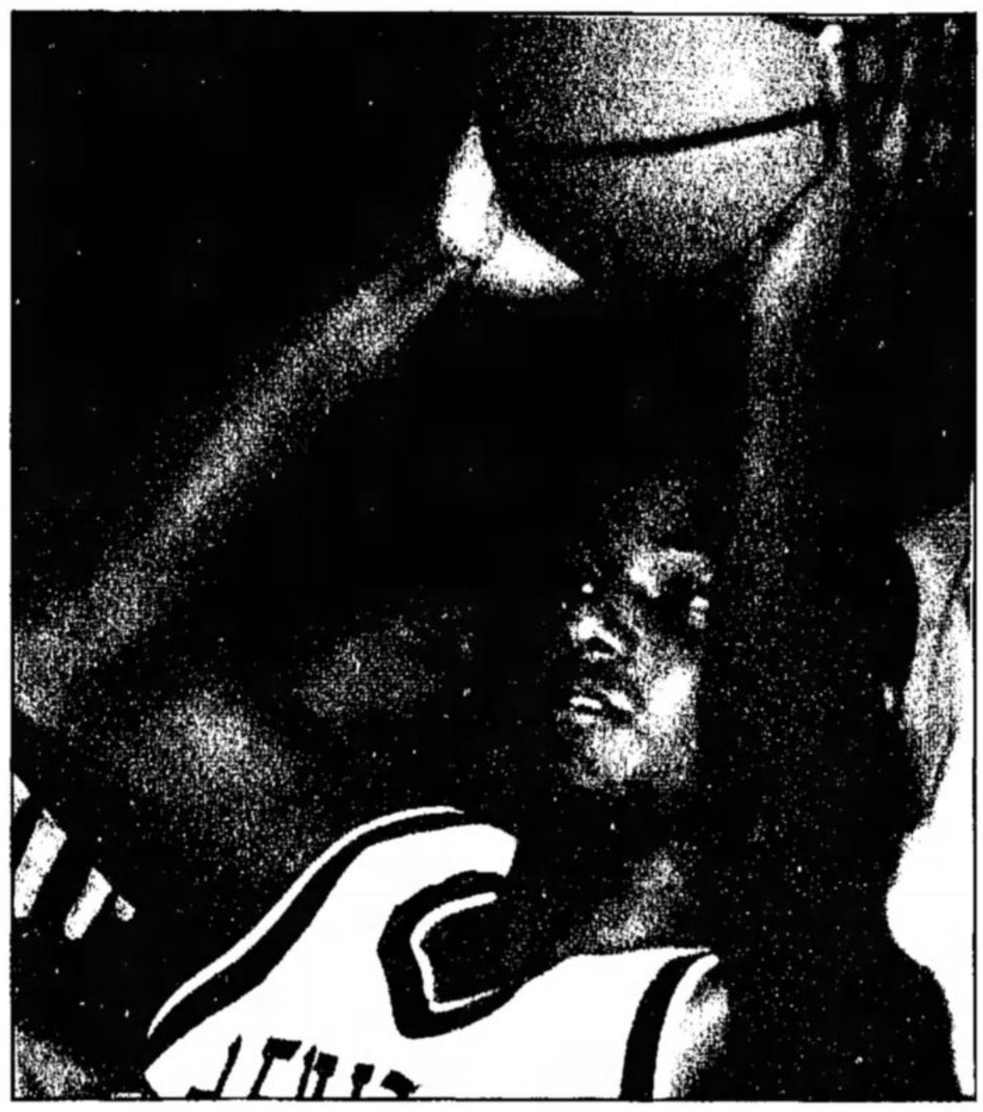

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Delmar Pritchett led an impressive Monessen performance with 25 points and 13 rebounds in a 92-55 rout of Ford City.

Good friends to be tough foes when Monessen meets Geibel

Lady Hounds' Mornak, Lady Gators' White won't be rooting for each other tonight.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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It's not often that a high school athlete gets to play against one of their best friends in one sport, let alone three.

That will be the case tonight, however, when the unbeaten Monessen girls (24-0) take on Geibel (18-6) at 6:30 p.m. at Charleroi in the WPIAL Class A quarterfinals.

The players are the Lady Greyhounds' Kelly Mornak and Geibel's Mia White, who resides in Monessen.

Besides being basketball players, they've also gone against each other in soccer and softball .

"We were best friends before high school and teammates for six years in two Monessen youth leagues and at St. Sebastian," said Mornak.

On the hard floor they also have another thing in common with both being 1,000-point scorers.

Ironically, both reached the milestone on the same day this season.

While the 5-8 Mornak averages 11 points to take a back seat to Christina Chukwuedo in Monessen's scoring department, the 5-2 White is the Lady Gators' top gun with a 19-point average.

In their first meeting this season three days before Christmas in Monessen, White outscored Mornak, 15-4, in a 47-31 Lady Greyhound win.

Monessen broke open a 12-11 game by outscoring the visitors, 21-6, in the next 16 minutes.

Geibel impressed Monessen coach Major Corley in its first round 60-38 romp over Monaca Saturday,

Geibel's Mia White, a Monessen resident, leads the Lady Gators in scoring.

rebounding from a 10-4 first quarter deficit.

White had 21 points with Julianne Speeney and Breaane Dowden following with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

"Mia is a good shooter and hustles," said Corley. "Geibel looked more scrappier against Monaca and went after the ball hard."

> "We were best friends before high school and teammates for six years in two Monessen youth leagues ..."
>
> Monessen player Kelly Mornak

The Lady Gators coasted to the Section 2 title with a 10-0 record.

Monessen is the only Class A school to beat Geibel with the Lady Gators' other defeats to Plum, North Hills, Canevin, Trinity and Southmoreland in the regular season finale which snapped a 12-game winning streak.

Fourth-year Geibel coach Pat Klocek, who's 0-4 against Monessen, knows the Lady Gators will have their work cut out against the WPIAL's lone unbeaten.

"You know they have to be pretty good with that record," he said. "It will definitely be a big challenge.

"We need to shoot better but have more confidence now than earlier in the season," he added.

Ringgold girls' season ends in tears with loss

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

CANONSBURG - The welled-up eyes of the Ringgold Lady Ram players told the story.

As the team, player by player, emptied the locker room, a sign of supreme disappointment and sadness emanated from each individual, and understandably so.

After all, the Lady Rams had just been upset by Blackhawk in a Class AAA first round match-up, 64-48, Thiursday.

Shortly after the last player walked out of the locker room, Ringgold coach Joe Ravasio felt no different.

"This is a painful loss and there is no worse of a feeling," he said moments after talking with his team. "But give Blackhawk credit.

"They start five seniors and they hit their shots."

Schartner

The game started out quickly as both teams did their best to impersonate a track team, which was uncharacteristic for Ringgold.

The score was knotted at 17-17 after eight minutes.

"I didn't like the first quarter," Ravasio said. "There were an awful lot of points.

"Maybe our girls had the jitters or maybe it was because we had not played for two weeks. Unfortunately we let them dictate the tempo.

"But there is no excuse and in the second quarter, we played a lot better defense."

Ringgold (17-8) grabbed a 31-26 halftime lead because of its defense.

A 9-0 Ringgold run in the second quarter gave the Lady Rams a 27-20 lead, but Blackhawk's Casey Emge hit a three-pointer and was fouled.

Her free throw cut the Ringgold lead to 27-24, but the Lady Rams would score four of the last six points of the first half.

A telling story during the first half was Blackhawk's constant defensive pressure on Emily Schartner.

In the first half, Blackhawk (17-9) played both a box-and-one and a diamond-and-one on Schartner and also a 3-2 zone defense.

The defenses worked as Schartner was held to a three-pointer and four free throws in the opening 16 minutes.

"We were worried about Schartner's height but we did a pretty good job of containing her," said Blackhawk coach Steve Lodovico. "And they were so rugged inside.

"We went to a man defense in the second half but they were just so physical. Ringgold is a good team and the most physical team we have faced all year."

Thanks to sloppy play to start the second half, Ringgold went from a 31-26 lead to trailing very quickly, and then the wheels fell off.

"We turned the ball over on our first five possessions of the second half," Ravasio said. "We went from up five to being down.

"And when Alina (Selby) went down with a bloody nose in the third quarter, we lost momentum. We didn't rebound."

Selby was out of the game for approximately five minutes, and while she was out, Blackhawk went on a roll.

Beth Deluca scored seven quick points while Brittany

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SPORTS

Pens' offense stymied

Carolina pressure adds up to 4-2 win.

RALEIGH, N.C. AP — The Carolina Hurricanes were missing three key defensemen against a Pittsburgh offense that ranks among the NHL's best. Then they discovered an effective way to slow the Penguins' goal-scorers: Turn up the pressure at the other end of the ice.

Ray Whitney had a goal and two assists and quick-shooting Carolina scored three power-play goals in its 4-2 win against Pittsburgh on Thursday night, vaulting the Hurricanes back into first place in the Southeast Division.

Erik Cole and Eric Staal snapped long scoring droughts with goals and Ryan Bayda added his first goal for the depleted Hurricanes, who also lost captain and leading scorer Rod Brind'Amour in the game's opening moments with a torn ligament in his left knee.

Whitney, who entered with no goals in his previous 10 games, broke a 2-all tie with 16:15 left when he took a feed from Staal while slipping into the slot and beat Dany Sabourin with a low wrist shot to his glove side.

"They kept it simple with traffic in front," Sabourin said. "I had a tough time against them."

Cam Ward stopped 20 shots for Carolina, which held an overwhelming 46-22 shots advantage in winning its second straight and moving back into the division lead ahead of idle Atlanta and Washington.

Evgeni Malkin scored for the fifth straight game, defenseman Brooks Orpik added his first goal of the season and Sabourin made 42 saves for Atlantic Division-leading Pittsburgh, which dropped its second in a row and fell to 6-4-2 in their 12 games since star center Sidney Crosby sprained his ankle.

"We're missing a lot of players and you know on the road it is eventually going to catch up with you," Pittsburgh coach Michel Therrien said. "I think the last two games have been tough. We just have to regroup."

Malkin continued his torrid play in Crosby's absence — he has 10 goals and 13 assists since replacing Crosby on Pittsburgh's No. 1 line. His unassisted power-play goal in the second — which clipped off the stick of Carolina's Frantisek Kaberle — put the Penguins up 2-1 and moved him into second in the league with 76 points, two behind Washington's Alexander Ovechkin.

The combination of Malkin's recent scoring punch and the holes in Carolina's defense seemed too much to overcome for a Hurricanes team that entered having allowed 186 goals — the second-worst total in the league.

Three defensemen were scratched — Tim Gleason and newly acquired Joe Corvo because of the flu and Bret Hedican with a lower-body injury — and three young players were rushed up from Albany of the AHL to replace them.

Then, coach Peter Laviolette had to fill another hole in his lineup when Brind'Amour tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. He collided with Pittsburgh's Nathan Smith and Georges Laraque near the boards at the center line just 1:12 minutes into the game and did not return.

"We were put to the test mentally with everything that's going on — the illnesses, we've faced some injuries, but you can't say enough about the kids that came up today," Ward said. "They played like true pros and looked like they've been playing for years. ... They deserved it."

Cole put Carolina up 1-0 about 3 minutes in with a power-play goal — just his second in 12 games — but Orpik tied it at the 7-minute mark with a blast from the left point. Then after Malkin gave Pittsburgh its only lead of the night, Staal tied it at 2-all, wristing the rebound of Whitney's shot past Sabourin's glove for his first goal since he was selected as the MVP of last month's All-Star game.

"We were solid defensively. We threw everything at the net," Staal said. "We created a lot of chances offensively, and obviously, the power play was big."

Pittsburgh's Georges Laraque, top, tries to keep Carolina's Wade Brookbank down during a first period fight.

California, Bentworth meet for third time

Both teams have won once going into tonight's Class A playoff game.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

The third time will be the charm tonight at Charleroi at eight o'clock for either the California or Bentworth High boy's basketball teams.

In what will be the third meeting of the season between the teams, one of them will move onto the WPIAL Class A semifinals while one team will go home.

And just to add a little extra spice to the game, the winning team clinches a spot in the PIAA Class A tournament.

"Both teams know what is at stake and we know each other," California coach Phil Pergola said. "We both know what the other team is going to do."

Bentworth coach Bob Kennedy shared Pergola's sentiments.

"We both know what to expect," he said. "It will boil down to heart.

"Whichever team wants it the most and takes care of the basketball will win."

A win will give Bentworth (16-7) its first PIAA tournament appearance since 1988. It was also the same year as the Bearcats last WPIAL playoff win before their thrilling 74-69 first round victory over Sewickley Academy a week ago at West Allegheny.

California (16-5), on the other hand, doubled up Elderton at Charleroi, 66-33.

This will be the second time the teams face off at Charleroi.

In the Charleroi Holiday tournament on December 26, Bentworth was a 75-58 winner.

But according to Kennedy, don't let the final score deceive you.

"The game was close at halftime (39-34 in favor of the Bearcats)," he said. "But then Cal turned the ball over quite a bit in the third quarter and we took advantage."

"Their press gave us problems," Pergola said. "We turned the ball over, but they deserve credit for it."

In the second meeting on January 26 at California, the Trojans downed Bentworth, 51-46, as both teams had a starter missing.

Bentworth was without its third leading scorer, 5-11 senior guard Brandon Bular (10.5), who was out with a hand injury. The Bearcats went 3-2 overall without him.

"We couldn't play as fast of a pace as we wanted to because we were short on guys," Kennedy said. "But we brought him back against Sewickley and he was the reason we won."

California, on the other hand, was without 6-3 sophomore forward Dom Roach (4.0) in the rematch. The Trojans went 5-0 without Roach.

In a twist of irony, Pergola and Kennedy have a history with each other that dates back almost 30 years.

"When I was a senior at Beth-Center, he took over at Charleroi and we played there," Kennedy said of Pergola.

Joining Roach in the California starting lineup are be 5-7 senior guard Donte Valentino (16) 5.5, 6-1 junior guard Ben Carson (8.7), 5-11 junior guard Jordan Michaux (6.8) and 6-6 senior forward Travis VanOlst (16.8).

Valentino also averages five assists and four steals a game with VanOlst good for eight rebounds and two blocks a contest.

Key reserves are 5-11 freshman guard John Tyler, 6-3 junior forward Andy Booth, 6-0 senior forward Jeremy Shen and 6-2 senior forward Nate Wright.

Joining Bular in the Bentworth starting cast are be 6-4 senior guard Jon Kennedy (20.8), 6-2 senior guard Jon Kennedy (13.8), 5-10 senior Chuck Selvoski and 6-5 junior forward Jason Jansante (5.3).

Jon Kennedy is also good for eight rebounds, three steals and twoblocks a game with his twin brother Joe averaging four assists and two steals.

The top reserves are 6-5 junior forward Eric Sevcik and 5-10 senior guard Chase Roman.

According to both coaches, defense and tempo will dictate who moves on and who goes home.

"We have to play defense and we have to control the tempo," Pergola said. "If we play like we did the first game, we will lose."

"We want to play the game at our pace," Kennedy said. "We like to play with an up-tempo.

"Our defense will have to start our fast pace."

Wrestling tourneys open Saturday

Basketball will have to share the high school spotlight with wrestling Saturday.

All the wrestling section tournaments are scheduled tomorrow, marking the first time in 14 years that the Class AAA and AA events are being held on the same day.

Belle Vernon Area is in the Class AAA Section 2 tourney at Hempfield while Ringgold is in the Class AAA Section 4 tourney at Waynesburg and Charleroi in the Class AA Section 4 tourney at Waynesburg.

All of the section events will start at 10:30 a.m.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class will advance to the WPIAL championships.

The Class AAA championship will start Thursday at Canon-McMillan with the Class AA event at Charleroi next Friday and Saturday.

Belle Venon Area's best bets are Jeremy Weslager (112), Donnie Tasser (140), Jacob Boyer (160), P.J. Tasser (171) and Jesse Gauden (285).

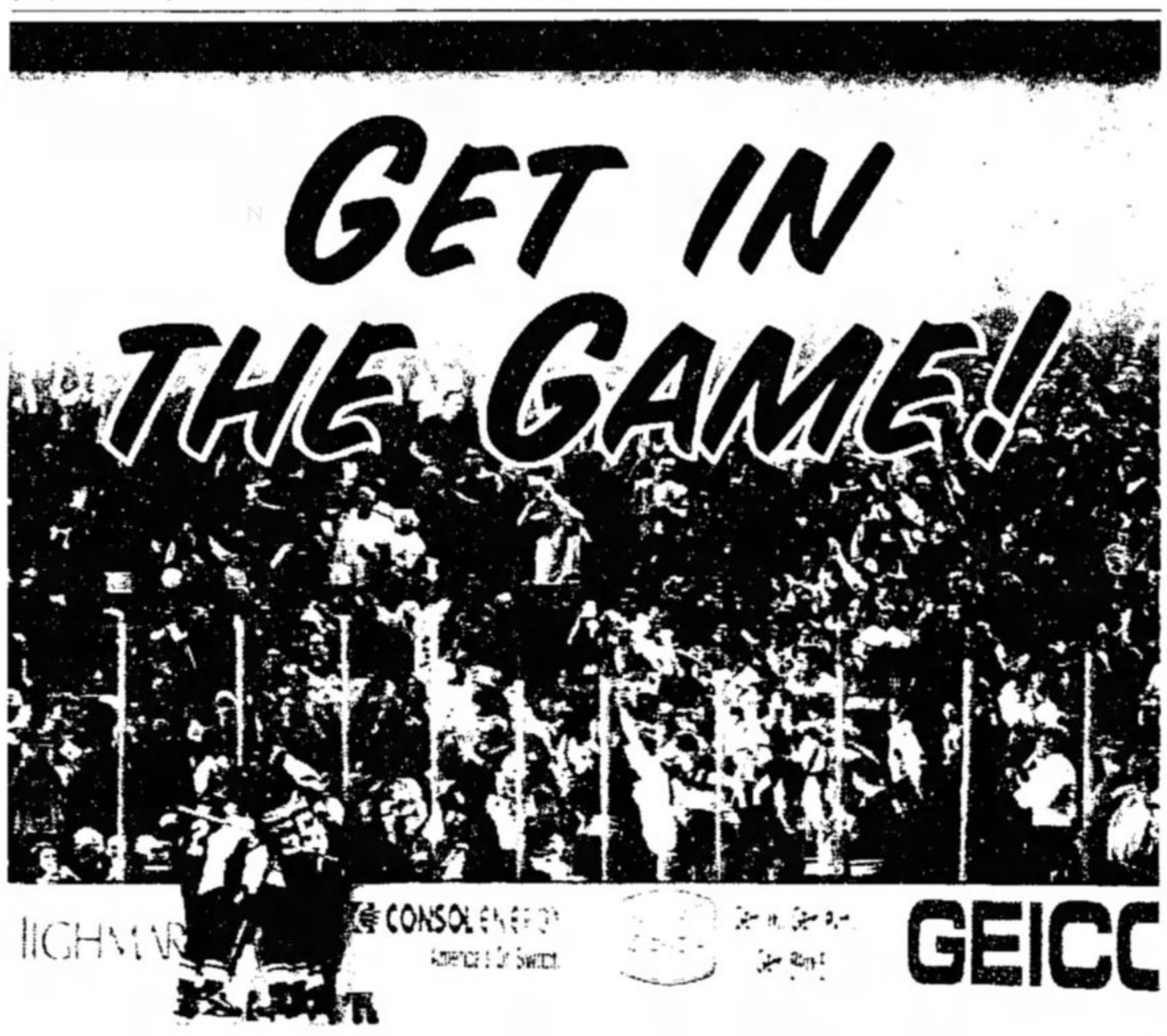
Weslager and D. Tasser are top seeds with Boyer and P.J. Tasser second seeds.

Ringgold's favorites are Dean Mathies (112), Fred Garcia (171) and Todd Miller (189).

Garcia is seeded first and Mathies and Miller are second seeds.

Charleroi has three high seeds in Dave Grillo (171), Ray Campbell (215) and Ethan Radomile (285).

Campbell is a No. 1 with Grillo and Radomile No. 2s.



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SPORTS

Pitching question marks prevail at spring training

Even with conerns from active pitchers, there was still talk of Clemens.

By The Associated Press

Fanning out across Florida, spreading out under the hot Arizona sun, pitchers and catchers finally took the field.

Spring training is really here.

Though, naturally, there was still plenty of talk Thursday about Roger Clemens' testimony before Congress. And the haze of performance-enhancing drugs. And contract negotiations.

But there was also a lot of talk about baseball — whether the Mets can avoid another late-season collapse, the young Rockies can make another postseason run, and aging stars like Tom Glavine and Curt Schilling can still win ballgames.

Yes, even Schilling showed up for spring training, even though he won't be ready for several months. Optimistically. But there he was in Fort Myers, Fla., ready for rehab.

Schilling met with Boston general manager Theo Epstein, manager Terry Francona and pitching coach John Farrell, patching up differences over the best course of action for his nagging shoulder injury.

The right-hander didn't practice outdoors and did not speak with reporters. He's scheduled to begin his rehab exercises on Friday.

"He'll be rehabbing and strengthening for at least six to eight weeks," Epstein said. "Then we'll see where we go from there."

Schilling's not expected to return before the All-Star break, though Epstein warned "he's at the very beginning of the process."

At least a process is in place.

That wasn't the case last week when the Red Sox and Dr. Craig Morgan, brought in by Schilling for a second opinion, differed strongly on whether the pitcher needed surgery.

Morgan, who operated on Schilling's right shoulder in 1995 and 1999, said he had a torn tendon and the only way he could pitch again is by having the operation. The team contended that the tendon was damaged, not torn, and insisted on rehabilitation.

Schilling eventually sided with the team, which could have voided his one-year, $8 million contract if he chose surgery.

Schilling spent seven weeks on the disabled list last year with tendinitis in the shoulder. He was 9-8 with a 3.87 ERA in 24 games last season. In the postseason, he went 3-0 with a 3.00 ERA to help the Red Sox win their second World Series in four years.

Without Schilling, the rotation shapes up as Josh Beckett, Daisuke Matsuzaka, Tim Wakefield, Jon Lester and Clay Buchholz, with Julian Tavarez and several others as possibilities. Epstein said his best options to replace Schilling were with players already in the organization.

"We're in a situation where we'll be able to handle it," Francona said. "There are going to be some people that probably will get opportunities that maybe wouldn't have."

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Pedro Martinez said he knows his place in the Steroids Era.

"I dominated that era and I did it clean," he said. "I can stand by my numbers."

The three-time Cy Young Award winner said he hasn't paid much attention to the fallout from the Mitchell Report, and he didn't watch Roger Clemens testify before Congress on Wednesday. But the Mets pitcher said he'll probably get caught up on his computer now that he's in camp.

"I have a small frame and when I hurt all I could do was take a couple of Aleve or Advil, a cup of coffee and a little mango and an egg — and let it go!" he said.

Martinez's point: He wasn't going to try any performance-enhancing substance. In fact, he would welcome a more stringent drug-testing program.

"I wish that they would check every day," Martinez said. "That's how bad I want the game to be clean."

Monessen (FROM PAGE ONE)

much at stake, so much to accomplish."

Salvino said that he was not happy that his section winning team was seeded no higher than sixth by the WPIAL basketball committee and noted that the only way for his team to get its due is to keep winning.

"I want my players to get the respect they deserve," he said. "The only way that will happen is for us to keep winning and beat the teams in front of us.

"The way we are playing now, I like our chances."

GAME NOTES: Monessen will meet Bishop Canevin (14-12) in the quarterfinals on Saturday. Canevin upset third-seeded Aliquippa, 71-60 ... The Greyhounds picked up their PIAA playoff ticket with last night's win ... Kevin Parker had seven rebounds while Jamont Minnie had six. Tyree had seven assists ... As a team, the Greyhounds blocked 11 shots and pulled down 39 rebounds over the taller Sabers ... Monessen has won 19 of its last 21 games while Ford City had won eight of its previous 10 contests.

Ringgold Athletic Director Lloyd Price is joined by Loren Cortopassi (left) and Randy Stein (right), the school district's winners of the Wendy's High School Heisman program. The program honors seniors who stand out in academics, athletics and community service.

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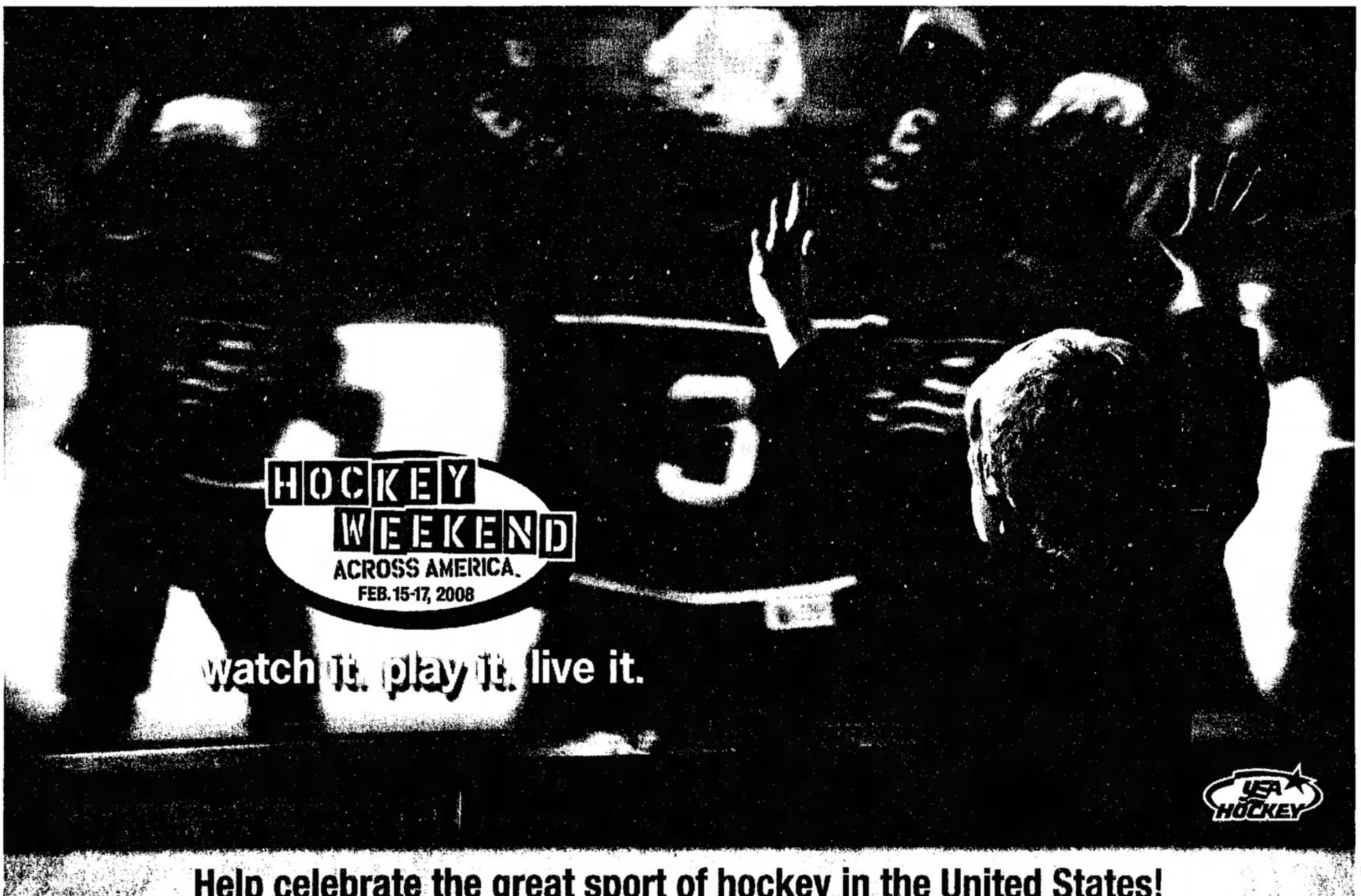

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SPORTS

Colts' injuries could affect camp

Harrison, Sanders, Freeney still hobbled.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -- The Indianapolis Colts' injury problems could still be lingering wherever they hold training camp this summer.

President Bill Polian said Thursday he does not expect perennial Pro Bowl receiver Marvin Harrison, Defensive Player of the Year Bob Sanders or former sacks champion Dwight Freeney to be ready to start training camp in July.

All three have had surgery, and Polian insists the team shouldn't bring them back before they're healthy.

"There's no reason to push them," Polian said. "We want them to be ready at the start of the season."

The three biggest names aren't the only ones who could land on the physically unable to perform list this summer. Linebacker Rob Morris and defensive tackle Anthony McFarland, who had knee surgery last year, could also be on the sideline in training camp.

But Polian expects everybody to be healthy in time for September's season opener.

He also reiterated he was ready to put the franchise tag on tight end Dallas Clark if a deal is not completed by Feb. 21. Clark has played an increasingly larger role in Indy's offensive success the past few seasons.

"It's too early to say because there's nothing going on that right now," Polian said. "But you have to presume you're going to use it."

The biggest question surrounds Harrison, who injured his left knee against Denver on Sept. 30 when another player rolled into him, and missed a career-high 11 games last season.

Polian said Harrison had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee last month and has been rehabilitating the inflamed capsule in his left knee. Polian said Harrison's right knee is fine and the left one is healing and expects him to be ready by the season-opener.

"He's still going through some therapy, but they are much more sanguine about getting it under control,"

Polian said. "The short version is that all the news is good."

Sanders had offseason shoulder surgery for the second straight year and showed up at the Super Bowl with his right arm in a sling.

Last year, Sanders had surgery on his left shoulder and didn't begin practicing until Aug. 22 -- after the Colts returned from training camp in Terre Haute. He might do the same this year.

"That's very likely," Polian said, acknowledging Sanders is likely to again start training camp on the physically unable to perform list.

Tears (FROM PAGE ONE)

Shaffer added five in the third quarter as Blackhawk took a 44-40 lead into the final period.

Each hit a three-pointer during the run, and Blackhawk finished with seven three-pointers after only hitting one against Belle Vernon Area last week in a preliminary round game.

"We were hot outside," Lodovico said. "Belle Vernon shut her down but she got going tonight as did Shaffer."

Deluca finished with four treys while Shaffer added two and Casey Emge had one.

"We played solid defense on them but they hit deep shots," Ravasio said. "Emily played Shaffer tight but she was still hitting the shots."

Both of Shaffer's three-pointers were from 23-feet.

Blackhawk pulled away in the fourth quarter as Ringgold had to foul to try and get back into the game.

It may take a while, but Ravasio feels that his seniorless team will be able to look back at this season and benefit from it.

"This is a good group of girls who did a lot of good things," he said. "We will learn from this."

PLAYOFF NOTES: Deluca led all scorers with 25 points while Emge (14) and Shaffer (13) also hit double figures for Blackhawk ... Schartner (14), Selby (12) and Jenny Affinito (10) hit double figures for Ringgold ... Ringgold only had five rebounds in the second half and ended up getting outrebounded, 27-16 .. Selby and Shaffer led their respective teams with six rebounds while Schartner had four steals.

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SPORTS DIGEST

Monessen boys at Ringgold Saturday

The Monessen High boys' basketball team will play Canevin Saturday at noon at Ringgold to open a WPIAL playoff triple-header.

The Greensburg Central girls will face South Park at 1:30 p.m. with Greensburg Central's boys taking on Beaver Falls at 3 p.m.

Rams' Brownlee on Section 5 stars

Ringgold's R.J. Brownlee was namd to the Class AAA Section 4 first team.

Chartiers Valley' s T.J. McConnella nd Anthony Poletti and Keytone Oaks' Jim Taylor and Corey Bellovich were the other first teamers.

Chartiers Valley's Tim McConnell was named coach of the year.

Making up the second team were South Park's Doug Smith and JoeyHarrison, McGuffey's Luke Baker, Chartiers Valley's Teagan Lindsey and Keystone Oaks' Matt Janota.

Receiving honorable mention were Ringgold's Dave Basi and Simon Bekavac, Trinity's Sean McKnight and Evan Chambers and South Park's Tylor Fircak.

Ringgold pair top Section 4 team

Ringgold's Emily Schartner and Alina Selby were named to the Class A Aection 4 first team.

Rounding out the first team were Chartiers Valley's Paige Aleski and Erica Restich and Keystone oaks' Maria Costanza.

Chartiers Valley's Spencer Stefko was selected coach of the year.

The second team consisted off Chartiers Valley's Lexi Bott, McGuffey's Kylie Czulewicz and Elisa Schober, Waynesburg's Abby Toothman and West Allegheny's Bria Battochi.

Ringgold's Jennie Affinito received honorable mention with West Allegheny's Linsay Rosso and Brianna Bayly, Keystone Oaks' Erica Paul and Julie Adamski and McGuffey's Sarah Sismondo.

BVA's Connelly on Section 5 team

Belle Vernon Area's Jocelyn Connelly was named to the Class AAA Section 5 first team.

Elizabeth Forward's Cassy Sanderson, West Mifflin's Raven Metz and Joncelyn Peterkin and Thomas Jefferson's Kristen Veseleny round out the first team.

West Mifflin's Phil Shar is coach of the year.

Elizabeth Forward's Rachel Hirnyk and Paige Pierce, Yough's Allison Saccani and West Mifflin's Taylor Fulkton make up the second team.

Belle Vernon Area's Lisa Manderino and Paige Anderson, Yough's Alex Rossi, Thomas Jefferson's Skylar Williams and Kelly Zogran and Steel Valley's Erin Feltz and Leslie McPherson make up the second team.

Washington Twp. signups scheduled

The Washington Township Youth Associaiton will hold its annua;l baseball and softball signups today (6 p.m. to 8 p.m/.) and Saturday(10 a.m. to noon) at the Washington Township Municipal Building.

The age levels are 5 to 14 (as of April 30) for baseball and 5 to 18 (as of Jan. 1) for softball.

For more information contact Tim Naulty (724-326-4259).

W. Allegheny upsets Elizabeth Forward

Getting by WPIAL first round playoff games has been tough for the Elizabeth Forward High girls' basketball team in recent years.

It happened again Thursday when the Lady Warriors were upset 32-30 by West Allegheny at Gateway.

The Lady Indians (14-11) pulled out the surprise win when Bria Bayly made a layup with 30 seconds left to break a 30-30 deadlock.

Elizabeth Forwrd (20-5) led 26-15 going into the fourth quarter before being limited to four points in the final eight m,inutes.

Elizabeth's high-scoring Cassy Sanderson was limited to five points, 11 under her average.

Kristen Hawkins was high for Elizabeth with 11 points.

West Allegheny's Hillary Liwosz topped all scorers with 11 points including a key three-pointer in the fourth quarter.

BVA swimmers sweep Charleroi

Belle Vernon Area's swimmers swept Charleroi Thursday.

.The Lady Leps were a 67-51 winner with the Leps taking a 25-12 decision.

Winning for the Lady Leps were Sydney Rusak (200 individual medley and 500 freestyle), Mary Wardle (50 and 100 freestyule), Ashley Bronakowski (200 freestyle), Courtney Basista (100 fly) and the 200 medley relay team of Basista, Megan Russell, Rusak and Emalee Tunney.

Zachary Wardle (200 freestyle), Aaron Mikula (50 freetyle) and the 200 medley relay team of Cory Wyke, Adam Hamill, Mikula and Jay Lewis won for the Leps.

Trivia answer

Ohio University.

Bonds typo touches off brief tempest

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A typo in court papers regarding Barry Bonds filed by federal prosecutors touched off a brief tempest over the mistaken belief that he failed a drug test in November 2001, one month after breaking the home run record.

In fact, the government meant to reference a previously reported November 2000 failed drug test, U.S. attorney spokesman Josh Eaton said. That drug test was included in the indictment unsealed last year.

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Class AAAA
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8 p.m. - McKeesport (18-3) vs Upper St. Clair (20-5)

At Chartiers Valley

8 p.m. - Central Catholic (20-4) vs Canon-McMillan (18-7)

At Plum

8 p.m. - North Allegheny (23-2) vs Norwin (19-6)

At North Hills

8 p.m. - Moon (18-6) vs Franklin Regional (19-6)

Class AAA
Thursday

Highlands 75, Thomas Jefferson 56
Greensbug Salem 67, Montour 45
Blackhawk 59, Laurel Highlands 52
Ambridge 59, Uniontown 51

Quarterfinals
Saturday
At North Allegheny

Noon - Hopewell (19-5) vs Keystone Oaks (15-10)

3 p.m. - Chartiers Valley (23-2) vs Steel Valley (17-5)

Sites to be determined

Ambridge (10-15) vs Blackhawk (20-5)
Highlands (20-4) vs Greensburg Salem (20-5)

Class AA
First Round
Thursday
At West Allegheny

Monessen 92, Ford City 55
Greensburg Central 63, Washington56
Canevin 71, Aliquippa 60
Beaver Falls 84, Springdale 42

Quarterfinals
Saturday
Sites to be determined

Monessen (19-5) vs Canevin (14-12)
Beaver Falls (20-3) vs Greensburg Central (18-8)
North Catholic (22-3) vs Riverside (24-1)
Jennette 917-4) vs South Fayette (20-5)**Class A**

Today
Quarterfinals
Thursday

Serra 73, Trinity Christian 37Friday

Today
At Charleroi

8 p.m. - California (16-5) vs Bentworth (16-7)

At Ambridge

8 p.m. - Lincoln Place (15-6) vs Union (15-6)

At Steel Valley

8 p.m - St. Joseph (14-10) vs Serra-Trinity Christian winner

At Baldwin

8 p.m. - Wilkinsburg (13-10) vs Monaca (11-13)

Girls
Class AAAA
Today
Quarterfinals
At Plum

6:30 p.m. - Norwin (24-1) vs Oakland Catholic (15-10)

At North Allegheny

6:30 p.m. - New Castle (19-5) vs Upper St. Clair (19-5)

At Baldwin

6:30 p.m. - Mt. Lebanon (23-2) vs Woodland Hills (18-7)

At Ambridge

Butler (23-2) vs Peters Township (18-7)

Class AAA
First Round
Thursday

Blackhawk 64, Ringgold 48
West Allegheny 32, Elizabeth Forward 30
Ambridge 62, Mt. Pleasant 50
Hampton 50, Thomas Jefferson 31

Quarterfinals
Saturday
At North Allegheny

1:30 p.m. - Hopewell (20-4) vs Chartiers Valley (19-6)

Sites to be determined

Hampton (23-2) vs Ambridge (16-8)
Indiana (22-3) vs West Allegheny (14-11)
West Mifflin (22-3) vs Blackhawk (17-9)

Class AA
First Round
Thursday

Washington 46, Seton-LaSalle 28
Beaver 44, Shady Side Academy 28
South Park 61, Neshannock 30
Sto Rox 37, Canevin 34

Quarterfinals
Saturday
Sites to be determined

Washington (23-1) vs Beaver Falls (16-6)
Greensburg Central (17-7) vs South Park (18-8)
Sacred Heart (23-1) vs Sto-Rox (16-70
Riverside (18-07) vs Ford City (19-6)

Class A
Today
Quarterfinals
At Charleroi

6:30 p.m. - Monessen (24-0) vs Geibel (18-6)

At North Hills

6:30 p.m. - North Catholic (21-4) vs Avonworth (13-9)

At Steel Valley

6:30 p.m. - Serra (16-5) vs Mt. Alvernia (14-8)

At Chartiers Valley

6:30 p.m. - Quigley (18-7) vs Vincentian (16-8)

High school lineups

Boys
Monessen - 92

Tyree, 9-2-22; Stepoli, 7-1-15; Pritchett, 10-3-25; Parker, 2-0-4; Jeffries, 6-0-14; Wall, 1-1-3; Minnie, 1-1-3; P. Kunsa, 1-0-3; Miller, 0-1-1; Osborne, 0-0-0; Zynosky, 0-0-0; B. Kunsa, 1-0-2; Sepesky, 0-0-0. Totals: FG-38, F-9(14), T-92.

Ford City - 55

Shriver, 1-0-3; Eckman, 3-0-6; McAfoose, 2-0-4; Young, 3-4-11; Prazenica, 7-2-16; Good, 1-2-4; Shanty, 2-0-4; November, 2-0-5; Kutsch, 1-0-2. Totals: FG-22, F-8(15), T-55.

Score by quarters:

Ford City	9	12	13	21	55
Monessen	27	14	18	33	92

Three-pointers: FC - Shriver, Young, November; Mon - Tyree 2, Pritchett 2, Jeffries 2, P. Kunsa.

Girls
Blackhawk - 64

Gasper, 1-2-4; Deluca, 7-7-25; Mercadante, 0-0-0; Franitti, 2-2-6; Shaffer, 5-1-13; Gumbert, 0-0-0; Penn, 1-0-2; Dvorsak, 0-0-0; Emge, 5-3-14. Totals: FG - 21, F - 15 (26), T - 64.

Ringgold - 48

Schartner, 4-5-14; Affinito, 3-1-10; Resanovich, 3-0-7; Selby, 3-6-12; Leach, 0-1-1; Pantojas, 2-0-4; Ladley, 0-0-0; Melzer, 0-0-0; Gourn, 0-0-0; Sivcek, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 15, F-13 (19), T - 48.

Score by quarters:

Blackhawk	17	9	18	20	64
Ringgold	17	14	9	8	48

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Affinito 3, Schartner. Blackhawk - Deluca 4, Shafer 2, Emge.

West Allegheny - 32

Battocchi 1-2-4; Rosso 2-0-4; Walker, 0-4-4; Bayly, 2-0-5; Trautman, 0-0-0; Liwosz, 5-0-11; Stasko, 2-0-4. Totals: FG - 12, F - 6 (16), T - 32.

Elizabeth Forward - 30

Halaszynski, 0-0-0; Hirnyk, 3-0-7; Sanderson, 2-1-5; Hawkins, 4-2-10; Martincic, 0-1-1; Ohm, 1-0-2; Pearce, 2-1-5; sandin, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 12, F - 5 (13), T - 30.

Score by quarters:

W. Allegheny	7	8	4	13	32
Elizabeth	9	10	7	4	30

Three-pointers: West Allegheny - Bayly, Liwosz. Elizabeth - Hirnyk.

Ronald Ramon and Pitt take on Marquette in a Big East clash, 9 p.m., on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today
Television

3 p.m. - Golf Channel - Northern Trust Open, golf.

6:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - SBS Open, golf.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Pitt at Marquette, college basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN2 - Delvin Rodriguez vs Troy Browning, boxing.

9 p.m. - TNT - NBA All-Star exhibition: Rookie Challenge and Youth Jam, pro basketall.

Radio

6:30 p.m. - WMBS (590) - Monessen vs Geibel, girls' high school basketball.

8 p.m. - WJPA (95.3 FM) - California vs Bentworth, high school basketball.

9 p.m. - WWSW (970), WBGG (970) - Pitt at Marquette, college basketball.

PSAC standings

Men
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	7	0	17	4
Edinboro	7	1	17	5
Indiana	4	3	12	10
Clarion	4	4	12	10
Slippery Rock	3	5	5	17
Lock Haven	2	6	2	20
Shippensburg	0	8	6	17

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Cheyney	7	1	15	6
Kutztown	7	1	15	7
Millersville	6	2	17	6
Mansfield	3	5	15	8
East Stroudsburg	2	5	14	8
West Chester	2	5	12	11
Bloomsburg	0	8	8	14

Thursday

Millersville 76, Bloomsburg 67
Cheyney 82, East Stroudsburg 60

Saturday

Lock Haven at California (5 p.m.)
Edinboro at Indiana
Clarion at Shippensburg
Bloomsburg at Kutztown
Mansfield at Cheyney
West Chester at East Stroudsburg
Penn State-New Kensington at Slippery Rock

Women
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	6	1	21	2
Shippensburg	5	3	17	6
Clarion	5	3	15	7
California	4	3	17	5
Edinboro	4	4	14	8
Lock Haven	2	6	7	15
Slippery Rock	1	7	7	16

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	8	0	19	4
West Chester	5	2	14	8
Cheyney	5	3	9	13
East Stroudsburg	3	4	9	12
Kutztown	3	5	10	13
Bloomsburg	2	6	7	16
Mansfield	1	7	6	17

Thursday

Millersville 72, Bloomsburg 50
Cheyney 76, East Stroudsburg 58

Saturday

Lock Haven at California (3 p.m.)
Edinboro at Indiana
Clarion at Shippensburg
Bloomsburg at Kutztown
Mansfield at Cheyney
West Chester at East Stroudsburg

Wrestling pairings

Class AAA
Section 2
At Hempfield

103 - Dante Altemare, Belle Vernon Area (12-14) vs Ken Seliga, Uniontown (9-7).

112 - Jeremy Weslager, Belle Vernon Area (22-6) vs Collin Paige, McKeesport (4-12).

119 - Tyler Scott, Belle Vernon Area (10-15) vs John Thomas, Alber Gallatin (17-19).

125 - Doug Latkanich, Belle Vernon Area (3-14) vs Jake Diana, Elizabeth Forwrd (15-8).

130 - Bret Perry, Belle Vernon Area (18-12) vs Josh Kimko, McKeesport (13-4).

135 - Garrett DeReinzo, Belle Vernon Area (0-5) vs Ethan Saylor, Connellsville (22-10).

140 - Donnie Tasser, Belle Vernon Area (27-3) vs Jarod Kercell, McKeesport (3-9).

145 - Brennan Perry, Belle Vernon Area (7-16) vs Sean Gallagher, Greensburg Salem (19-13).

152 - Brian Deleonibus, Belle Vernon Area (5-4) vs Nick Browne, Laurel Highlands (22-3).

160 - Jacob Boyer, Belle Vernon Area (21-6) vs Luke Evans, Elizabeth Forward (7-7).

171 - P.J. Tasser, Belle Vernon Area (27-4) vs Matt Kepple, Greensburg Salem (6-7).

189 - Zach Jupin, Belle Vernon Area (2-9) vs Damon Thaxton, Elizabeth Forward (19-8).

215 - David Sickler, Belle Vernon Area (4-18) vs John Pfeiffer (17-11).

285 - Jesse Gauden, Belle Vernon Area (29-6) vs Kevin Bella, Albert Gallatin.

Section 4
At Waynesburg
First Round

103 - Jonathon Fafalios, Ringgold (8-18) vs Zach McGinnis, Waynesburg (21-5).

112 - Dean Mathies, Ringgold (16-16) vs Curtis Tilves, West Mifflin (5-14).

119 - Brett Arbes, Ringgold, (12-17) vs Phil Kail, Bethel Park (25-6)

130 - Brant Duda, Ringgold (5 - 21-6) vs Shane Tilves, West Mifflin (10-10).

135 - Dave Vibostak, Ringgold (5-8) vs Nick Bernarding, Baldwin (23-8).

140 - Mike Tokar, Ringgold (20-10) vs Anthony Bonacci, West Mifflin (6-4).

145 - Ian Mathies, Ringgold (18-13) vs Kyle Buker, Upper St. Clair (21-4).

152 - Neal Rands, Ringgold (14-15) vs Jacob Jacob Knoneberg, McGuffey (8-10).

160 - Chris Brown, Ringgold (19-9) vs Brennan Robets, Thomas Jefferson (21-8)

171 - Fred Garcia, Ringgold (25-2) vs Joe Moore, Waynesburg (2-17).

189 - Todd Miller, Ringgold (27-4) vs George Umstott, Baldwin (0-18).

215 - Wesley Sloan, Ringgold (7-10) vs Ben Cleary, Baldwin (11-14).

285 - Chris Clark, Ringgold (1-14) vs Pat Walker, Peters Township (6-15).

Class AA
Section 2
At Mt. Pleasant
First Round

119 - Greg Black, Charleroi (18-11) vs Dan Rymarowicz, South Allegheny (11-8).

171 - Tommy Thorpe, Charleroi (14-10) vs Anthonie Farrar, Jefferson-Morgan (13-14).

189- David Grillo, Charleroi (17-6) vs Garraux Muckle, Keystone Oaks (5-14).

215 - Ray Campbell, Charleroi (20-7) vs winner of Phil Judy, Jefferson Morgan (6-12) vs Tom Vasilich, South Allegheny (10-6).

285 - Ethan Radomile, Charleroi (22-6) vs Jeff Isbell, Yough (5-16).

Sports moves

BASEBALL
National League

COLORADO ROCKIES-Agreed to terms with OF Brad Hawpe on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS-Agreed to terms with OF Ben Johnson on a minor league contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES-Agreed to terms with INF Tony Clark and C Josh Bard to one-year contracts. Designated OF Drew Macias for assignment.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES LAKERS-Assigned G Coby Karl to Los Angeles (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS-Placed the franchise tag on LB Karlos Dansby.

BUFFALO BILLS-Released WR Peerless Price, LB Kevin Harrison and DB E.J. Underwood.

DALLAS COWBOYS-Signed C L.P. LaDouceur to a five-year contract extension, through the 2012 season.

CAROLINA PANTHERS-Signed S Chris Harris to a four-year contract extension and T Travelle Wharton to a six-year contract.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS-Named Thom Kaumeyer assistant secondary coach and Nate Kaczor assistant special teams coach.

MIAMI DOLPHINS-Released LB Zach Thomas.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS-Named Bill Lazor quarterbacks coach. Signed G Mike Wahle to a multiyear contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS-Recalled G Corey Crawford from Rockford (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS-Reassigned D Kevin Klein to Milwaukee (AHL) for a conditioning assignment.

NEW YORK RANGERS-Agreed to terms with G Henrik Lundqvist on a six-year contract.

PHOENIX COYOTES-Recalled C Mike Zigomanis from San Antonio (AHL). Assigned LW Matt Murley to San Antonio.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS-Recalled F Tyler Kennedy from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).

COLLEGE

NCAA-Declined to grant Cincinnati QB Ben Mauk's request for another season of eligibility.

FLORIDA-Named Kenny Carter as running backs coach.

INDIANA-Named Dennis Springer running backs coach and special teams co-coordinator.

MINNESOTA-Announced the resignation of Randy Taylor, director offootball operations.

Fight schedule

Today

At Cicero (Ill.) Stadium, Mike Alvarado, Denver, vs. Jesus Rodriguez, Salinas, Calif., 10, super lightweights.

At Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, Conn. (ESPN2), Delvin Rodriguez, Danbury, Conn., vs. Troy Browning, Willingsboro, N.J.,10, welterweights; Ali Oubaali, France, vs. Ashley Theopane, Britain, 10, *junior welterweights*.

Saturday

At Nuernberg Arena, Nuremberg, Germany, Nikolai Valuev, Russia, vs. Sergei Liakhovich, Belarus, 12, WBA heavyweight eliminator.

At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Kelly Pavlik, Youngstown, Ohio, vs. Jermain Taylor, Little Rock, Ark., 12, middleweights; Fernando Montiel, Mexico, vs. Martin Castillo, Los Angeles, 12, for

Montiel's WBO super flyweight title; Cristian Mijares, Mexico, vs. Jose Navarro, Los Angeles, 12, for Mijares' WBC super flyweight title; Sergio Martinez, Spain, vs. Eduardo Sanchez, Hollywood, Calif., 10, super welterweights.

Feb. 22

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (ESPN2), Richard Gutierrez, Colombia, vs. Miguel Angel Vasquez, Mexico, 10, welterweights; Yuriorkis Gamboa, Cuba, vs. Johnnie Edwards, Florence, S.C., 10, junior lightweights

At Morongo Casino Resort & Spa, Cabazon, Calif., Enrique Ornelas, Mexico, vs. Norberto Bravo, Tucson, Ariz., 12, for Ornelas' NABF middleweight title; Nestor Rocha, Montebello, Calif., vs. Javier Cintron, Puerto Rico, 10, bantamweights.

Latest Line

NBA
All-Star Game
Sunday

Favorite	Points	Underdog
WEST	6 1/2	East

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
MARQUETTE	4	Pitt
Brown	5	PENN
Cornell	5	HARVARD
Columbia	4	DARTMOUTH
Yale	2	PRINCETON
Marist	3	MANHATTEN

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	41	9	.820	—
Toronto	28	23	.549	13 1/2
New Jersey	23	30	.434	19 1/2
Philadelphia	23	30	.434	19 1/2
New York	15	37	.288	27

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	33	21	.611	—
Washington	25	27	.481	7
Atlanta	21	28	.429	9 1/2
Charlotte	19	34	.358	13 1/2
Miami	9	42	.176	22 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	39	13	.750	—
Cleveland	29	23	.558	10
Chicago	21	31	.404	18
Indiana	21	32	.396	18 1/2
Milwaukee	19	34	.358	20 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	36	15	.706	—
San Antonio	34	17	.667	2
Dallas	35	18	.660	2
Houston	32	20	.615	4 1/2
Memphis	14	38	.269	22 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	34	19	.642	—
Denver	32	20	.615	1 1/2
Portland	28	24	.538	5 1/2
Seattle	13	38	.255	20
Minnesota	10	41	.196	23

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	37	16	.698	—
L.A. Lakers	35	17	.673	1 1/2
Golden State	32	20	.615	4 1/2
Sacramento	23	28	.451	13
L.A. Clippers	17	33	.340	18 1/2

Thursday's Games

Chicago 99, Miami 92
Phoenix 109, Dallas 97

Today's Games

No games scheduled

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	32	21	5	69	170	158
New Jersey	32	21	4	68	150	136
Philadelphia	30	22	5	65	181	165
N.Y. Rangers	28	24	7	63	144	147
N.Y. Islanders	26	25	7	59	143	171

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	34	19	5	73	199	172
Montreal	30	19	9	69	180	164
Buffalo	28	21	8	64	171	157
Boston	29	23	5	63	149	154
Toronto	23	27	9	55	161	190

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	29	27	4	62	175	189
Atlanta	28	27	4	60	160	188
Washington	27	25	6	60	166	179
Florida	26	27	6	58	159	168
Tampa Bay	25	27	6	56	169	190

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	41	13	5	87	194	130
Nashville	30	23	6	66	170	162
Columbus	26	24	9	61	143	155
St. Louis	26	22	8	60	146	160
Chicago	26	25	6	58	163	163

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	33	21	4	70	162	156
Calgary	29	20	8	66	165	164
Colorado	30	23	5	65	164	160
Vancouver	28	22	8	64	153	150
Edmonton	27	27	5	59	158	174

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	35	21	5	75	178	153
Anaheim	32	22	7	71	150	151
San Jose	31	18	8	70	151	140
Phoenix	29	25	4	62	160	161
Los Angeles	24	32	3	51	167	194

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Thursday's Games

Carolina 4, Pittsburgh 2
Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Islanders 5, Toronto 1
Chicago 6, Nashville 1
Phoenix 5, Dallas 2
St. Louis 4, Colorado 1
Minnesota 5, Vancouver 4, SO
Edmonton 3, San Jose 2

Today's Games

Atlanta at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 1 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Penguins summary

Pittsburgh	1	1	0	— 2
Carolina	1	1	2	— 4

First Period - 1, Carolina, Lee 14 (Whitney, Hamilton), 3:13 (pp). 2, Pittsburgh, Orpik 1 (Armstrong, Recchi), 17:55. Penalties - J.Staal, Pit (unsportsmanlike conduct), 5:02; Sutter, Pit (unsportsmanlike conduct), 5:02; Gordon, Car (unsportsmanlike conduct), 5:02; Laraque, Pit, major (fighting), 7:08; Brookbank, Car, major (fighting), 7:08; Whitney, Car (hooking), 18:06.

Second Period - 3, Pittsburgh, Malkin 33, 2:37 (pp). 4, Carolina, L.Staal 25 (Whitney, Kaberle), 10:39. Penalties - Letowski, Car (hooking), 1:22; Sydor, Pit (holding), 4:59; L.Staal, Car (hooking), 7:12; J.Staal, Pit (high sticking), 8:57; Gonchar, Pit (cross-checking), 9:56; Cole, Car (cross-checking), 10:50; Sabourin, Pit, served by Sykora (delay of game), 16:56.

Third Period - 5, Carolina, Whitney 22 (E.Staal, Kaberle), 2:05 (pp). 6, Carolina, Bayda 1 (Walker, Wesley), 11:20. Penalties - Talbot, Pit (holding), 3:08; Bayda, Car (high sticking), 12:58; J.Staal, Pit (charging), 14:48; Wesley, Car (interference), 14:48; Malkin, Pit (tripping), 15:12; Wallin, Car (holding), 18:51.

Shots on goal - Pittsburgh 6-9-7 - 22. Carolina 14-19-13 - 46.

Power-play opportunities - Pittsburgh 1 of 5; Carolina 3 of 6.

Goalies - Pittsburgh, Sabourin 0-0-1 (46 shots-42 saves). Carolina, Ward 24-20-3 (22-20).

A - 14,922 (18,730).

Referees - Eric Furlatt, Brad Watson. Linesmen - Derek Amell, Brad Mach.

College basketball

MEN
EAST

Albany, N.Y. 74, Maine 69
Binghamton 90, Stony Brook 84
Boston College 82, Pitt. 80
Boston U. 66, Vermont 58
Fordham 76, Massachusetts 72
Hartford 55, Stony Brook 52
Holy Cross 64, Army 53
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 78, Dickinson, Pa. 61
Quinnipiac 80, Long Island U. 70
Robert Morris 82, Central Connecticut St. 74
St. Francis, Pa. 63, St. Francis, N.Y. 59
Wagner 100, Sacred Heart 91, OT
West Virginia St. 82, Rio Grande 77

SOUTH

Belmont 87, Austin Peay 78
Clemson 82, Georgia Tech 70
Coll. of Charleston 74, Chattanooga 73
Elon 76, Appalachian St. 74
Georgia Southern 72, Northeastern 66
Jacksonville St. 72, Eastern Kentucky 61
Kennesaw St. 77, Stetson 66
Lipscomb 57, S.E. Louisiana 52
Louisiana-Monroe 69, Louisiana-Lafayette 66
Mercer 76, Furman 73
Middle Tennessee 70, Louisiana-Monroe 63
Morehead St. 70, Austin Peay 69
New Mexico St. 67, Arkansas St. 63
Old Dominion 63, Northeastern 46
Tenn.-Martin 82, Tennessee Tech 66
Tennessee St. 72, Morehead St. 70
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 74, Nicholls St. 53
Texas San Antonio 71, SE Louisiana 69
The Citadel 57, A. Carolina 53
Wake Forest 78, U. 74

MIDWEST

Butler 89, Youngstown St. 75
Cleveland St. 73, Wis.-Milwaukee 63
Detroit 68, Ill. Chicago 66
E. Illinois 90, SE Missouri 77
IUPUI 89, Centenary, La. 77
Michigan 60, Iowa 52
N. Dakota 82, Oral Roberts 76
Wright St. 85, Loyola, Md. 77

SOUTHWEST

Lamar 80, Texas-Arlington 66
New Orleans 73, Arkansas St. 70
North Texas 62, Denver 48

FAR WEST

Arizona 83, California 73
Arizona St. 72, Stanford 68, OT
Boise St. 77, Nevada 68
Cal St.-Fullerton 94, UC Davis 74
E. Washington 69, Weber St. 57
Idaho 79, Fresno St. 74, OT
Montana 90, Sacramento St. 57
Montana St. 70, N. Arizona 67
Oregon 71, Washington 58
Portland St. 81, Idaho St. 58
S. Utah 77, S. Dakota St. 71
UC Irvine 74, Pacific 59
UC Santa Barbara 60, Cal Poly 47
Washington St. 70, Oregon St. 57

WOMEN
EAST

Drexel 48, Delaware 42
Minnesota 56, Penn St. 48
Morgan St. 59, N.J. Tech 45
Towson 57, Hofstra 46

SOUTH

Auburn 74, Alabama 49
E. Kentucky 104, Jacksonville St. 75
Georgia 85, Florida 66
Georgia St. 64, George Mason 49
James Madison 77, William & Mary 60
LSU 78, Tennessee 62
Maryland 78, Boston College 51
Middle Tennessee 66, South Alabama 46
Mississippi 73, Mississippi St. 65
Murray St. 83, Tennessee St. 71
N.C. State 51, Miami 45
Northwestern St. 94, Sam Houston St. 57
Old Dominion 83, Northeastern 46
Rice 78, Tulane 73
Samford 59, Morehead St. 57
Tennessee Tech 66, Tenn.-Martin 47
UNC Wilmington 64, Va. Commonwealth 58
Vanderbilt 66, Kentucky 49
W. Kentucky 72, Troy 52

MIDWEST

Butler 75, Wis.-Milwaukee 73
Creighton 62, S. Illinois 59
Dayton 44, Xavier 43
Evansville 69, Drake 66, OT
Michigan 47, Northwestern 40
Michigan St. 72, Indiana 68
Missouri St. 73, Bradley 66
N. Iowa 64, Wichita St. 54
Purdue 59, Iowa 46
SE Missouri 46, E. Illinois 41
Wis.-Green Bay 65, Valparaiso 44
Wisconsin 66, Illinois 64
Wright St. 51, Cleveland St. 43
Youngstown St. 62, Detroit 59

SOUTHWEST

North Texas 55, Denver 42
Oklahoma St. 58, Texas Tech 56
SMU 93, Memphis 49
Stephen F.Austin 82, Cent. Arkansas 65
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 74, Nicholls St. 53
Texas St. 99, McNeese St. 50
Texas-Arlington 69, Lamar 46
Texas-San Antonio 71, SE Louisiana 69
UAB 78, Tulsa 74, 2OT
UTEP 80, Houston 55

FAR WEST

Boise St. 80, Nevada 69
California 70, Arizona St. 60
Fresno St. 68, Idaho 38
Gonzaga 90, San Francisco 42
Montana 75, Sacramento St. 63
New Mexico St. 65, Louisiana Tech 55
Pacific 76, Cal St.-Fullerton 72, OT
Portland St. 81, Idaho St. 63
Saint Mary's, Calif. 59, Loyola Marymount 57
San Diego 62, Portland 52
Santa Clara 86, Pepperdine 81, OT
Stanford 69, Arizona 46
Utah St. 61, San Jose St. 60
Weber St. 73, E. Washington 58

Daytona 500 lineup

(Car number in parentheses)

1. (48) Jimmy Johnson, Chevrolet.
2. (55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota.
3. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet.
4. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota.
5. (41) Reed Sorenson, Dodge.
6. (20) Tony Stewart, Toyota.
7. (12) Ryan Newman, Dodge.
8. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet.
9. (5) Casey Mears, Chevrolet.
10. (9) Kasey Kahne, Dodge.
11. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford.
12. (8) Mark Martin, Chevrolet.
13. (43) Bobby Labonte, Dodge.
14. (6) David Ragan, Ford.
15. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dodge
16. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet.
17. (87) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet.
18. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford.
19. (77) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge.
20. (44) Dale Jarrett, Toyota.
21. (15) Paul Menard, Chevrolet.
22. (34) John Andretti, Chevrolet.
23. (83) Brian Vickers, Toyota.
24. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota.
25. (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet.
26. (7) Robby Gordon, Dodge.
27. (66) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet.
28. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford.
29. (01) Regan Smith, Chevrolet.
30. (28) Travis Kvapil, Ford.
31. (07) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet.
32. (38) David Gilliland, Ford.
33. (70) Jeremy Mayfield, Chevrolet.
34. (22) Dave Blaney, Toyota.
35. (19) Elliott Sadler, Dodge.
36. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet.
37. (96) J.J. Yeley, Toyota.
38. (26) Jamie McMurray, Ford.
39. (45) Kyle Petty, Dodge.
40. (40) Dario Franchitti, Dodge.
41. (78) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet.
42. (00) David Reutimann, Toyota.
43. (2) Kurt Busch, Dodge.

Failed to qualify
-(32) AJ Allmendinger
-(21) Bill Elliott
-(49) Ken Schrader
-(60) Boris Said
-(10) Patrick Carpentier
-(37) Eric McClure

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Ringgold shaded Section 3 champion Belle Vernon Area, 45-40, behind Skip Koskoski's 12 points to force a playoff game for second place with Monessen.

Julius Dawkins had 30 points and 24 rebounds in Monessen's 85-81 triple overtime victory over Charleroi.

Earl Copeland's basket with nine seconds left gve Frazier a 65-64 win over Mon Valley Catholic.

Sam Mitchell had 16 points and 21 rebounds in California's 55-54 victory over Bentworth.

20 Years Ago

Tracey Foglia and Melissa Lazzari both scored 21 points in Ringgold's 62-58 win over Laurel Highlands to make the playoffs as a fourth place team.

Colleen Cratty had 19 points in Belle Vernon Area's 62-38 romp at West Mifflin.

Monessen topped West Grenee, 60-41, behind Ereka Woods' 20 points.

Traci Stasicha had 14 points in Charleroi's 49-46 victory over South Park.

10 Years Ago

Ringgold bowed out of the WPIAL playoffs with a 50-36 loss to Indiana. ShaVonne Steward's eight points were high for the Lady Rams.

SPORTS

Clemens hearing was case of bi-partisan politics at its finest

Republicans bashed trainer while Dems were tough on major league pitcher.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the Roger Clemens primary, the Republicans nominated the Rocket. The Democrats went with the other guy.

That was the feeling on Capitol Hill on Thursday, the day after the seven-time Cy Young Award winner defended himself before Congress. Showing that even baseball isn't exempt from America's Red State-Blue State divide, questions such as "How did Roger do?" were often followed with something like: "Why are the two parties bickering over this?"

"Of all the things to become partisan over," Rep. Elijah Cummings, a Maryland Democrat, said Thursday, "this was the wrong one."

Cummings was among those who strongly questioned Clemens' credibility in testimony involving the pitcher's former personal trainer, Brian McNamee, during Wednesday's 4 1/2-hour hearing held by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Republicans, for the most part, saved their searing comments for McNamee, who was repeatedly called a "drug dealer" by Rep. Christopher Shays of Connecticut.

"I thought the tone of the hearing was a little askew," said Rep. Diane Watson, a California Democrat. "I told Mr. Clemens that I didn't think it was going to be a court trial or an inquisition, but I think some of the members did go out of their way to be accusatory without having all of the facts.

"It is hard for me to discern who was not telling the truth and who was. Both men denied the other one's claim. I saw the questioning kind of divided, with some on the Republican side calling Mr. McNamee a liar and some on the Democratic side really questioning Clemens, and so I don't think we got anywhere on that."

Theories abounded over why the sides couldn't see eye to eye.

Richard Emery, one of McNamee's lawyers, said that some Republicans treated his client harshly because of Clemens' friendship with the Bush family. Emery predicted the pitcher will be pardoned by President Bush should Clemens be indicted or convicted of anything related to the hearing.

"It would be the easiest thing in the world for George W. Bush, given the corrupt proclivities of his administration, to say Roger Clemens is an American hero, Roger Clemens helped children," said Emery, an attorney who has worked for liberal causes. "It's my belief they have some reason to believe they can get a pardon."

Not surprisingly, Clemens' camp — and the GOP — saw things differently.

"Richard Emery just has to quit smoking his own dope," said Rusty Hardin, one of Clemens' attorneys.

As for a pardon from a president? "I'm not aware of Mr. Clemens having been charged with anything," White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said.

A spokesman for Rep. Darrell Issa of California said the hearing's partisan tone evolved because Republican members felt the hearing was overly focused on Clemens instead of the broader concerns raised in the Mitchell Report on drugs in baseball.

"It's clear Democrats had expected a government-funded, TV show trial, and now they're whining that Republicans didn't want to play," said the spokesman, Frederick Hill. "The hearing was supposed to be about the Mitchell Report. The Democrats are at fault for focusing on individual wrongdoing instead of the validity of the Mitchell Report."

Said Issa: "We're not supposed to have these kinds of spectacles."

But a spectacle it was, much like the 2005 hearing that featured Mark McGwire and his oft-repeated statement: "I'm not hear to talk about the past." That hearing damaged McGwire's reputation immeasurably, but it is also spurred baseball into stricter penalties and more frequent testing for performance-enhancing drugs.

The ramifications from Wednesday's hearing might not be known a while. McNamee said he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone. Clemens said he has never used either. Since both were under oath, one or both could face charges stemming from making false statements or obstructing.

As for Clemens' reputation, even one of his lawyers conceded the pitcher might have not have given an All-Star performance.

"In all of my years of watching politics, I'm never seen a good witness before Congress," Hardin said. "If there are members of that committee that think they're adverse to you, and when you have the chairman adverse to you, you're not going to appear good. The average citizen is not a good witness before (the bright lights). This guy is the greatest pitcher of all time, and that's what he is good at."

During the hearing, some congressmen questioned whether the committee should be focused on other pressing matters. That also was a sentiment expressed at spring training, which began in Florida and Arizona on the same day as the hearing.

"It's all hearsay. Everybody is all pointing fingers," San Francisco Giants reliever Steve Kline said of Clemens. "I pity the guy. Half the guys admitted it and they're not getting persecuted. It's just bad for baseball.

"Who cares about what happened in 1987? It's over. Who cares about Congress? We've got gasoline prices that are off the charts and they're worried about steroids. Maybe this gets people's minds off the war. Everybody's got skeletons in their closet. If you did it, admit it. If he didn't do it, I see why he's fighting his (tai) off," he said.

Roger Clemens, right, has had a good relationship with President Bush and some feel that relationship skewered questioning during Clemens' steroids hearing.

Steelers downplaying spygate

Players don't seem concerned over Pats allegedly taping defensive signals.

By JOHN HARRIS
For The Valley Independent

Pittsburgh Steelers cornerback Ike Taylor and linebacker James Farrior said Thursday they aren't especially concerned that the New England Patriots may have taped their defensive signals in four games since the 2001 season.

"That was three years ago," Taylor said. "It's over with. We got our (Super Bowl) ring, so I ain't worried about it."

Said Farrior: "It didn't make me angry, but if it did come out that they did that, I'd be a little upset. I think it makes a difference, but I think it's been blown out of proportion. If they did it, then how much did it really help them (in the Steelers' 14-point regular-season win in 2004)?"

Steelers spokesman Dave Lockett, speaking on behalf of chairman Dan Rooney and president Art Rooney II, nearly echoed the players' remarks.

"It's in the past. That's our position on it," Lockett said. "They didn't think it had any impact on the games."

Sen. Arlen Specter met with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell for nearly two hours Wednesday and later revealed that the New England Patriots had illegally taped Steelers defensive signals.

"The Steelers played the Patriots on four occasions. And according to counsel for commissioner Goodell, there were notes showing that the Steelers games had been taped," Specter told reporters in Washington. "They played the Steelers on Oct. 31, 2004, and then in the playoffs (on) Jan. 27, 2005, but without the notes available, it's not really possible to make a determination as to how extensive the taping was."

Later in his news conference, Specter said, "I would like to have an opportunity to review those notes. I'd like to know what they said about the Steelers game."

The Steelers defeated New England, 34-20, in the first game in 2004 at Heinz Field. Three months later, New England beat the Steelers, 41-27, in the AFC Championship Game, also at Heinz Field.

Goodell fined coach Bill Belichick and New England a total of $750,000 and stripped the Patriots of a 2008 first-round draft pick for spying on the New York Jets in the 2007 regular-season opener.

But Goodell told reporters before Super Bowl XLII that the taping during the 2002, 2003 and 2005 postseason by the Patriots when they won Super Bowls had no effect on the outcome of the games. New England upset the Steelers, 24-17, in the AFC Championship Game after the 2001 season. The Steelers lost, 30-14, at New England the following September in the 2002 season opener.

"The commissioner sought to downplay the issue about the utility. But from information we've received, there was opportunity for the signals to be transmitted to the quarterback so they could utilize these signals which they had taped in violation of NFL rules," Specter said.

"There's no doubt it had an impact on the games. It is hard to tell what games were involved with the destruction of the notes and the tapes."

When news broke in September that New England was illegally taping opponents' defensive signals, Steelers receiver Hines Ward said he thought the Patriots had inside information prior to the 2002 AFC Championship Game.

"They were calling our stuff out," Ward said at the time. "They knew -- especially that first championship game at Heinz Field -- they knew a lot of our calls."

Specter said the illegal taping gave New England an unfair competitive advantage.

"They see the signals and they can then transmit that information to the quarterback through the headset," Specter said. "So when they know what the defense is, the offense knows how to run the play. And our information is that there is sufficient time, and that it has affected specific plays."

Ike Taylor

Dixon says Panthers have to show improvement

Pitt coach says team needs national title.

By JOE STARKEY
For The Valley Independent

No doubt, Jamie Dixon can be defensive about his Pitt basketball program. He's quick to trumpet its success over the past seven years, and why not?

Only four schools - Duke, Memphis, Kansas and Gonzaga - have a better winning percentage than Pitt's mark of .797 over that span.

This season, despite losing two starters and two reserves to long-term injuries and playing every Big East game thus far without a starter from last season, Pitt is winning at a .792 clip (19-5).

This has to be Dixon's finest coaching job since he replaced Ben Howland before the 2003-04 season.

The Panthers are 7-4 in the Big East going into tonight's game at Marquette, where Levance Fields is expected to return after missing 12 games. A victory would make Dixon the first coach in Pitt history with five consecutive 20-win seasons, breaking his own record. The program would achieve 20 wins for a school-record seventh consecutive year.

Pretty impressive stuff -- but it's not enough. Pitt has failed to make it past the Sweet 16 in those seven years.

Such talk tends to activate Dixon's defenses. What's more, the phrase "national championship" rarely has passed his lips - at least in public - since he became coach, and some have equated that to his being satisfied with regular-season success.

Don't be fooled. As Dixon revealed after practice Wednesday, he is far from satisfied.

The question was, "For all the success you've had, do you have to make that tournament run for people to believe Pitt is truly an elite program?"

"We haven't won a national championship," Dixon said.

"There's no question that's a difference-maker. That's a whole different thing. We want to win a national championship, and I understand the importance of winning one."

That was different, but it came with a qualifier. A fair one, too: "It's not like we've been favored to win it at some point," Dixon said. "Nobody ever really thought we'd be that team. You just have to keep knocking on the door and have things go your way - be healthy, get the right seed, the right location, the right opponents."

Finally, as Dixon pointed out, "A lot of schools haven't won it. What we have done for seven years is be as good as anyone in the country in terms of consistency. That's almost harder to do than win a national championship."

Almost being the key word.

A national title is a long shot for this year's crew, but a better tourney run isn't. Freshman center DeJuan Blair and junior forward Sam Young give Pitt a more athletic and explosive look.

Young, when he's rolling, has the best all-around offensive game of any player in the Howland/Dixon era.

Blair is averaging a double-double (12 points, 10.1 rebounds) in Big East play and has shown a flair for the occasion (think Duke and Georgetown).

Pitt's next three games - at Marquette, at Notre Dame and home against Louisville - are important but not season-breakers. And we're getting ahead of ourselves talking about the postseason.

"We focus on the next opponent and taking it one step at a time - to be Bill Belichick, I guess," Dixon said, laughing. "I think if you're good enough in our conference, you have a chance to win the national championship."

Scirrotto gets plea deal in fighting case

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP) — Penn State safety Anthony Scirrotto was sentenced to a year's probation after pleading guilty Thursday to a reduced charge for his role in an off-campus fight last year.

Scirrotto must also serve 25 days of community service and pay a $500 fine after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor count of defiant trespass during a hearing Thursday, defense attorney Ron McGlaughlin said.

A felony charge of criminal trespass and one count of summary harassment against Scirrotto were dismissed as part of the agreement with prosecutors.

As his family watched, Scirrotto read from a statement in which he apologized and acknowledged the embarrassment the incident had brought to his loved ones and the university.

"He accepted full responsibility for his actions for his part in this incident," McGlaughlin said in a phone interview. "He has always wished to do this from day one."

Playoffs won't be enough for Phillies

LEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Stay focused. Be relaxed.

The message was clear for the Philadelphia Phillies on the first day of spring training. The defending National League East champions won't be satisfied with simply making the playoffs. They want to win it all.

So, they'll need to play loose and not lose sight of their goal.

Even before manager Charlie Manuel preached that point Thursday, when pitchers and catchers reported to camp, it was obvious the players understood it.

They walked around the clubhouse wearing red T-shirts that said on the back, "Winning Starts Now." That's a sign of a team on a mission.

But it was the front part of the shirt that grabbed most of the attention and drew quite a bit of laughter. There was an old picture of a shirtless Pat Burrell doing biceps concentration curls. Above the bare-chested photo read, "Man or machine."

Burrell, the team's left fielder, wasn't around to defend himself. He probably isn't aware that some prankster had the shirts printed. No matter, everyone had some fun at Burrell's expense.

Ryan Howard, the 2006 NL MVP, held up the shirt and took a picture with his camera phone. Surely, he texted that to a few buddies.

This is the way Manuel likes his team. They enjoy being around each other and have excellent chemistry. More important, they're driven to win.

This time last year the Phillies felt some pressure after falling short of a wild-card spot in the final weekend two straight seasons. Jimmy Rollins' bold prediction that Philly was the team to beat in the division only raised the heat.

A poor start and a slew of injuries put the Phillies in a deep hole and they had to chase the New York Mets the entire season. Down seven games with 17 remaining, the Fightin' Phils finally caught New York the last weekend and captured their first division championship since 1993 on the final day.

But the remarkable run came to an abrupt end when the streaking Colorado Rockies swept the Phillies in the first round. That left a sour taste.

"It was too short," ace left-hander Cole Hamels said. "We need to defend something, but we need to get something more. We still have the hunger to fight because we didn't achieve what we wanted."

Philadelphia Phillies pitchers and catchers use exercise balls as they loosen up in the outfield in Clearwater, Fla.

FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Saturday

■ BBQ Sundae Fundraiser, sponsored by ICCM, Your Mamma's House Restaurant, Monessen, 3 to 7 p.m.

■ ARC Mon Valley meeting, Lynnwood Lanes, Washington Township.

■ Fish fry, Wayman-Quinn A.M.E. Church, Monessen, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Greek Catholic Union to meet

Greek Catholic Union Lodge 76 will hold an important meeting 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the St. Michael Church Hall, Donora.

Monessen '53 sets reunion meeting

Monessen High School Class of 1953 will hold a reunion planning meeting 3 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Michael Antioch Orthodox Church Social Hall, 1201 Patton Ave., Monessen.

Addresses are needed for the following classmates: Richard D'Alessio, Harriet Anstandig Tyrnauer, Betty Barron, Gustave Golit, Hilda Bailey Fields, Margie Cekola Varlotta, Patty Gogol Barron, Elizabeth Leone Connors, Edward Pavlovich and Martha Pemberton Clark. For information, call George Essey at (724) 684-9239.

Leadership program set in Meadowlands

The next Individual Development Program, an interactive educational program providing the leadership tools you need to enhance your career and life, will be held 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 1 and 8 at the Holiday Inn Meadowlands. Charge includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch. Registration deadline is Feb. 22 by calling Jean Byers at (724) 941-9555.

VFW Post 699 to meet in BV

Belle Vernon Area Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 699 will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the American Legion home, Broad Avenue, North Belle Vernon.

Fire chiefs to meet in Connellsville

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs Association Inc. will meet 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Connellsville Volunteer Fire Department.

OLoV group plans bake sale

The Christian Mothers/Women's Guild of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St. Dominic Parish, St. Dominic Church Hall, Sixth Street and Thompson Avenue, Donora, will hold an Easter bake sale featuring nut, apricot, poppyseed and cream cheese rolls March 4-7. Order deadline is Feb. 29. To order, call (724) 379-5845 or (724) 379-7382. Pickups will be from 3 to 5 p.m. March 4, 5. 6 and 7.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: D equals R

"RCBDB CKL OFR RF WB HFDB RF JZTB RCKM WBZMO K DBKJJI, DBKJJI, DZSZNPJFPLJI OFFS KNRFD." - OKDI WPLBI

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "Who, being loved, is poor?" - Oscar Wilde "Kisses are a better fate than wisdom." - e.e. cummings

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VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Christian Mothers and Ladies, Seven Dolors/St. Timothy

The Feb. 5 meeting of the Christian Mothers and Ladies of the Partner Parishes of Seven Dolors/St. Timothy began with a covered dish supper.

Clara Zulian opened the meeting with a reading. The following reports were read and approved: Secretary's report, Clara Zulian; treasurer report, St. Timothy, Ruth Erhardt; treasurer report, Seven Dolors, Bern Brewer.

Mary Kelly, vice president, read the many communications that were received during the past month.

Mitzie Garino and Mod Grkman reported that 17 cards were sent.

Under old business, the St. Timothy women have not yet decided on a memorial for the Rev. Paul Stivason and are working to come to some decision soon. The women are discussing either altar cloths or a candle holder.

Under new business, Kelli Ritz reported that the Easter basket tickets are being distributed to the St. Timothy women. As usual, items for the Easter basket may be dropped off at Garino's residence.

Lorraine Yanosky reported on the Souper Sunday to be held at Rogers Hall, Seven Dolors Church 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 24.

Approval was given to purchase and install a coat rack in Rogers Hall.

Connie Tylka was the only Christian Mother present to have a birthday during February.

The next meeting will be held March 11 at Rogers Hall. On the committee are Grkman, Tylka, Ruth Erhardt and Ritz.

A short meeting was held after the Christian Mother meeting by the women who are on the mother daughter banquet that will be held in May. Working on this committee are Margaret Kearney, chair, Garino, Mary Orlandi, Vicki Dongilli, Kitty Hynek, Kelly, Bern Brewer and Lucille Nelson. At this meeting it was decided that the banquet will be held in Gresko Hall. Garino was to call the caterer and and get a positive date for the banquet, menus and prices. This should be in place by the March meeting.

Beta Sigma Phi

Members of Pennsylvania Alphi Phi Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi of Monessen met Feb. 6.

Marky Frost led the opening ritual and the meeting was convened by President Jackie Taylor.

Recording Secretary Beverly Mascetta read the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report was given by Julie Wisyanski and approved.

Taylor shared information with members relevant to the Beta Sigma Phi Endowment Fund Grant Proposals.

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Correspondence was received from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services Child Learning Center extending their appreciation for the chapter's monetary Christmas gift.

Micki Campana indicated she received the Beta Sigma Phi Ritual Certification from the International. It will not be necessary to return the certification form, since there are no members eligible for a higher degree.

The annual Valentine dinner was held Feb. 13 at the Speers Street Grille.

Campana was the winner of the ways and means project Dec. 5.

Faith Wallace won a gift card and a valentine ornament.

Closing ritual was led by Alice Selcan followed by the Mizpah.

The next meeting will be held March 5 with Campana as hostess.

Prior to the meeting, refreshments were served by hostess Barbara Nicolaus.

A program and discussion addressed the February 2008 edition of The Torch publication containing articles on First Lady Laura Bush and Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi. Bush and Pelosi were introduced as Beta Sigma Phi's new International Honorary members.

From left are Ken Kibler, membership and veterans affairs chairman; Tom Hamer, chaplain; Jim Cain, president; Karen Hartman, treasurer; Dave DuBarr, vice president, and Tom Caldwell, legislative vice president.

Joe Walker-Mon Valley Chapter, Air Force Association

At a recent meeting of the Joe Walker-Mon Valley Chapter 388, Air Force Association at the New Alpine Club in Monessen, officers for the coming fiscal year were sworn in by past state Vice President Bill Worthingon.

They include: Ken Kibler, membership and veterans affairs chairman; Tom Hamer, chaplain; Jim Cain, president; Karen Hartman, treasurer; Dave DuBarr, vice president; and Tom Caldwell, vice president.

The chapter has been active in the Mon Valley as a member of the Monessen Veterans Council and in conjunction with Chapter 98 of The Retired Enlisted Association of Acme, Pa.

The mission of the Air Force Association is to promote aero-space power and a strong national defense, to support the needs of the Air Force and explain the needs to the general public. Membership is open to any citizen.

The group's next dinner meeting will be held 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Alpine Club.

For information, contact Cain at (724) 684-3214 or DuBarr at (724) 489-0408.

Fayette City Goldenagers

Members met at Center on the Hill in Washington Township for their January meeting. Opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Betty Savarino.

Lunch was served by Ann Strelenski, Virginia Swantek, Rose Kander and Rose Delia. They were assisted by Jim Savarino, George Fugo, Leo Potesik and Swannee Sopsick.

Following lunch, Shirley Fugo, president, asked Stella Kroskie to read the minutes of the previous meeting in the absence of Loretta Mitchner, new secretary. Mary Braddock, treasurer, gave her report, and Shirley Fugo reported on sick and sympathy cards sent.

New officers were sworn in by Betty Savarino. They include: President, Shirley Fugo; vice president, Mary Shaffer; treasurer, Mary Braddock.

The president thanked January volunteers and asked for servers for the February meeting. Volunteering were Eleanor Duwall, Shirley Demko, Betty Maguire and Sis Bethem.

Stella Kroskie, travel lady, announced a trip to Seneca Allegheny and Seneca Niagara on April 7-8. For more information, call (724) 929-3059.

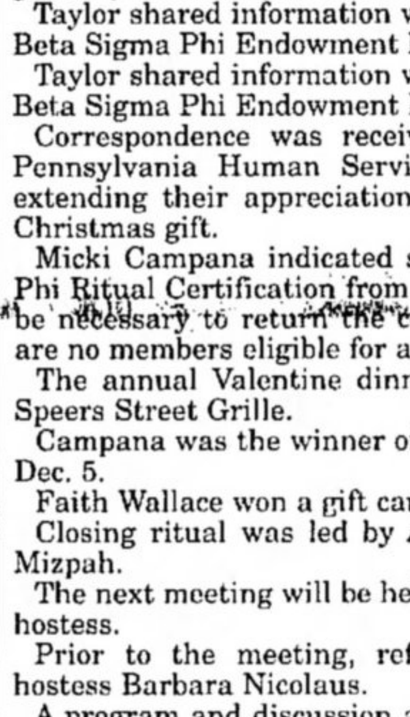
Door prize winners were Edith Forsythe, Catherine Misher, Leo Potesik, Rhoada Yusko, Kay Wozniak, Rose Marie Knox, Betty Petros, Mary Shaffer, Angie Koslosky and Mary Braddock.

Closing prayer was led by Betty Savarino. The remainder of the afternoon was spent playing games.

The next meeting will be held noon Thursday at the Center on the Hill.

PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Instant solution to storage problem



Linen closet

No matter where you live, chances are you've struggled with a lack of storage space. Now there's an easy, do-it-yourself solution, and it doesn't require a major remodel. This free-standing linen closet project makes it simple to add storage space wherever it works best—and if you move, the closet goes with you.

Easy enough for any woodworker, the linen closet features three big shelves above and two below, with a drawer in-between. The project is built mostly from 16 board feet of pine lumber (other woods will work) and three sheets of matching plywood. Other materials include a piece of hardboard, some pine molding, glue, fasteners, a few pieces of common hardware and the builder's finish of choice.

The completed linen closet measures 68 inches tall by 29 inches wide by 14 inches deep.

The Linen Closet plan, No. 735, is $9.95 and includes step-by-step instructions with photos, construction drawings, a shopping list and cutting schedule and a toll-free help line for project questions.

A package of plans for classic country furniture, No. C90, is $21.95 and includes this project plus a quilt rack and a blanket chest. A free catalog picturing dozens of do-it-yourself projects is also available. Please include $4 for postage and handling and allow about two weeks for delivery.

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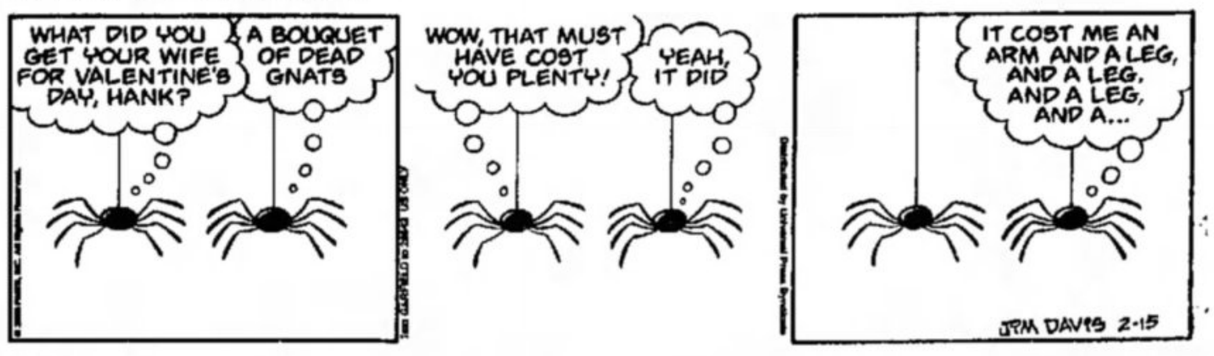
WHAT DID YOU GET YOUR WIFE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY, HANK?
A BOUQUET OF DEAD GNATS
WOW, THAT MUST HAVE COST YOU PLENTY!
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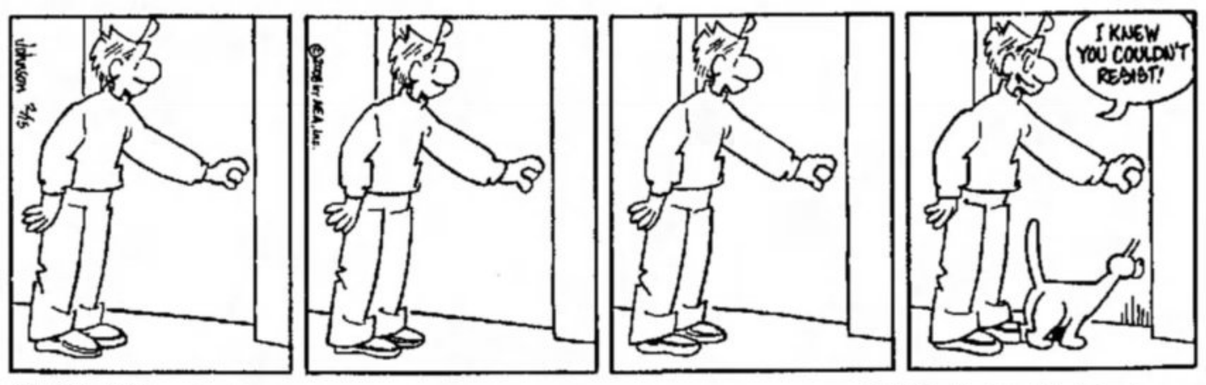

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EMILY! IT'S SO NICE TO BE DANCING WITH YOU AGAIN!
JUST TO SEE YOU, AND TO HOLD YOU, AND..
MA'AM? WHO AM I DANCING WITH?
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OH, GOOD GRIEF!
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AND WHAT IS THAT PRIMITIVE OBJECT?
...THE CENTRAL IMPLEMENT IN COFFEE PREPARATION. THEY CALL IT "MR. COFFEE"...
"MR. COFFEE"? DOES THE NAME REFER TO SOME SORT OF COFFEE DEITY?
I SUSPECT SO, ALTHOUGH IN THEIR PANTHEON, THERE IS MUCH ABOUT THE INTERPLAY OF "MR. COFFEE" AND "THE MAGIC CHEF" THAT STILL ELUDES ME.

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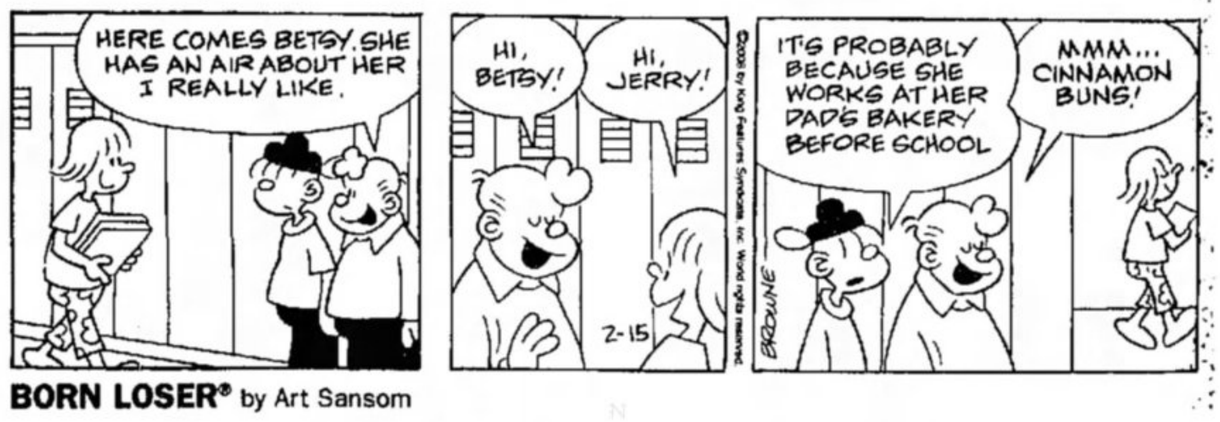
HERE COMES BETSY. SHE HAS AN AIR ABOUT HER I REALLY LIKE.
HI, BETSY!
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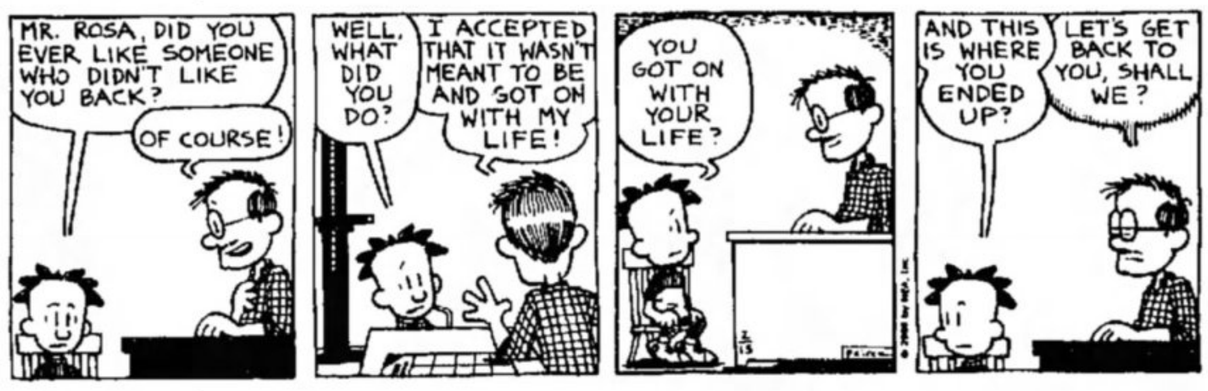
MR. ROSA, DID YOU EVER LIKE SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T LIKE YOU BACK?
OF COURSE!
WELL, WHAT DID YOU DO?
I ACCEPTED THAT IT WASN'T MEANT TO BE AND GOT ON WITH MY LIFE!
YOU GOT ON WITH YOUR LIFE?
AND THIS IS WHERE YOU ENDED UP?
LET'S GET BACK TO YOU, SHALL WE?

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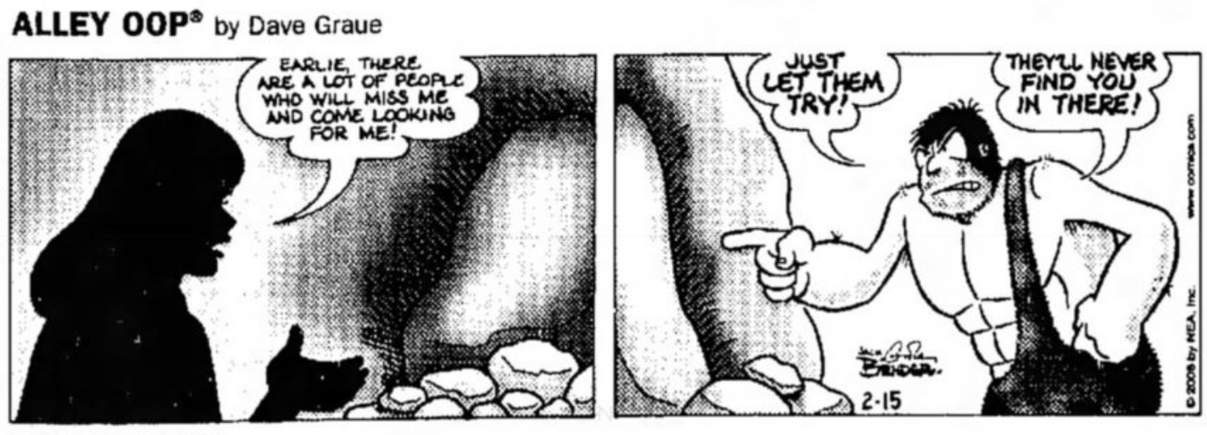
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JUST LET THEM TRY!
THEY'LL NEVER FIND YOU IN THERE!
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

The Valley Independent Crossword

ACROSS

1 Ardor
5 Washboard —
8 Big party
12 Project starter
13 Jimmy's successor
14 Friend of Fifi
15 Weight units
16 Stickum
17 Larger part
18 Jackpot game
20 Berlin sausage
22 Untold centuries
23 Sorority letter
24 Pitcher — Martinez
27 Low cards
30 Very soon after
31 "She Loves You" word
32 Murmur
34 Sci. class
35 Dinner checks
36 Trickle down
37 Performs ballads
39 River rapids
40 Sitcom planet
41 Very, in teenspeak
42 Bull-riding event
44 Wee bits
47 Raw cotton
48 Camper, maybe
50 Gawk at
52 Get under the skin of
53 Part of UK
54 Do perfectly
55 Cry of woe
56 Dishonorable man
57 Starfish features

DOWN

1 Temper tantrum
2 Rock star, maybe
3 Casino city
4 From Maine
5 Inert gas
6 Show disapproval
7 Vegan morsels (2 wds.)
8 Cotton or linen
9 Non-flying birds
10 Go against Galahad
11 Startled cry
19 Unduly
21 Nope (hyph.)
24 Tavern
25 Hero's tale
26 The way in or out
27 Cotillion honorees
28 Pantyhose color
29 Growing medium
31 "Weird Al"
33 Make a choice
35 Shredded
36 — 500
38 Heaps
39 — Paulo, Brazil
41 Partner of dined
42 Muddy the waters
43 Clay pot
45 Thickening agent
46 Willowy
47 Lingerie buy
49 Scorpius neighbor
51 Loop trains

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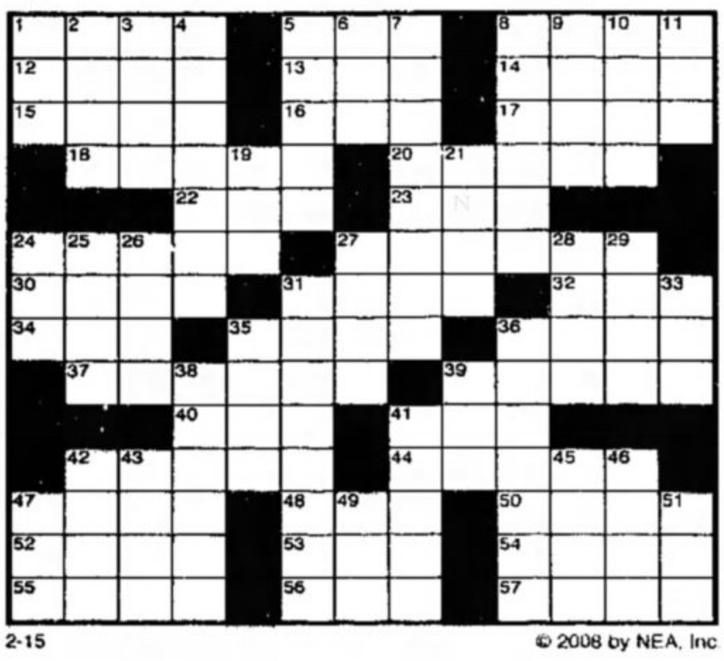

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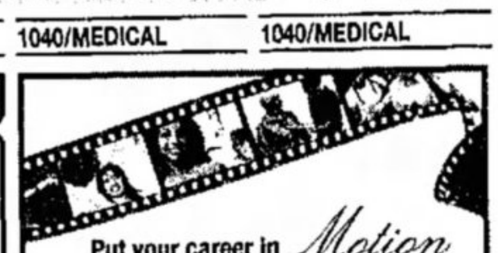

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Your Birthday **AQUARIUS**
SATURDAY, FEB. 16, 2008
January 20 through February 18

Because many of the conditions that impeded your progress in the past will now be dissipating, the year ahead can offer many fresh possibilities for growth. Take advantage of new vistas that open up where success is beckoning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Unfortunately, the very person you turn to for a favor might be looking to you for the same accommodation, which neither can give. Team up together to find someone who has the wherewithal to help out.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - You are apt to have a strong desire for socializing, yet large groups tend to annoy you right now. If you want to satisfy this need, seek out intimate friends with whom you feel completely comfortable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Although you have a wonderful, constructive family project in mind to do together, the clan could have other plans of their own. Don't get down on them for not pitching in; just do your own thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- It will be your loss if you reject some valuable information another is trying to present to you, just because you don't like the source. The only thing you should consider is if the message serves your best interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- If you become so obsessed over what is expected of others and concentrate only on that, you will fail to do what is expected of you. Concentrate on setting an example, not the standards.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Should this turn out to be one of those days when you find it impossible to please others, establish your own personal objectives and apply all your efforts towards achieving them. At least you'll get something done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Although you might have a list a mile long of things you would like to do, you'll only have yourself to blame if you can't get to any of them. The demands being made on you now stem from duties you've neglected.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You will be inclined to champion unpopular causes at this time, but there is only one way others won't mind the position you take: don't attempt to impose your views on them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- It's admirable to set lofty goals for yourself, but if you lack the necessary fortitude to carry any of them out to conclusion, it won't mean a thing. Don't toss the towel in the ring prematurely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- In matters that pertain to your work or career, be extra careful not to express your goals and intentions to your co-workers. Someone with cunning ways may take your good ideas and run with them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Take care not to put yourself in the position where you could be held accountable for a friend's obligation. If you are naive and oblivious to what's going on, this will happen rather easily.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Your thinking might be superior to that of your mate's on subject matter that is important to you both, but should he or she not be convinced of that, explain yourself in logical terms, not emotional ones.

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Mary Eileen Loftus, Administratrix
727 Thompson Avenue
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Gishnock, Ernest P.
EXECUTOR NOTICE

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Terri Lynn Link,
Executrix
149 Trotwood Drive
Canonsburg PA 15317

James W. Haines, Jr.
Attorney at Law
1202 West Main Street
Monongahela, PA 15063
2/1,8,15

Guiser, Robert M.
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of ROBERT M GUISER, late of Newell Borough, Fayette County, Pennsylvania deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Fayette County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same present them without delay to

Eric James Guiser,
Executor
933 Newell Road
Newell, PA 15466

Alan Benyak, Esquire
401 Sixth Street at
Washington Avenue
Post Office Box 1
Charleroi, PA 15022
2/15,22,29

Hayden, Vernon W. Sr.
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of
VERNON W. HAYDEN SR.
NO. 02-08-00575

late of Elizabeth, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Letters of Administration upon the above estate have been granted by the Register of Wills. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted thereto to make payment without delay and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement to the Administratrix or to her attorney

Administratrix
SANDRA D. DuCARME
34 Decker Street
Monongahela, PA 15063

Attorney
JANETTE BAISLEY, ESQ.
Amatangelo & Baisley
100 Fourth Street
Donora, PA 15033
2/15,22,29

Macik, Lillian D.
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of administration on the estate of LILLIAN D. MACIK late of The Township of Rostraver, Westmoreland County, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to

Edward Macik,
Administrator
617 South Elder St.
Anaheim, CA 92805

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409 Schoonmaker Ave.
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Monessen, PA 15062
2/15,22,29

Moffit, JoAnn
ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF JO ANN MOFFIT, DECEASED
Late of the Borough of Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania

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JoLann Hawk
917 Crest Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
And
Christine Braunegg
546 Sweetbriar Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111
Co-Executrices

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111 FALLOWFIELD AVENUE
CHARLEROI, PA 15022
2/8,15,22

Murt, Jonathan M.
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Letters of Administration on the Estate of JONATHAN M. MURT, late of Belle Vernon, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, on February 7, 2008. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present these to the undersigned, duly authenticated for settlement

Thomas and
Mary Lou Murt
108 Lee Drive
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
Co-Administrator's

Michael A. Johnson
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Robert M. Gumbita,
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Westmoreland
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2/15,18,20

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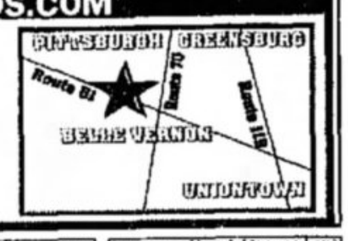

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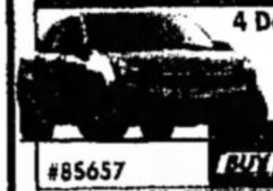
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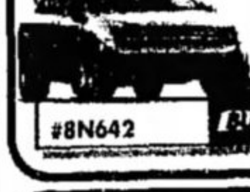
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